

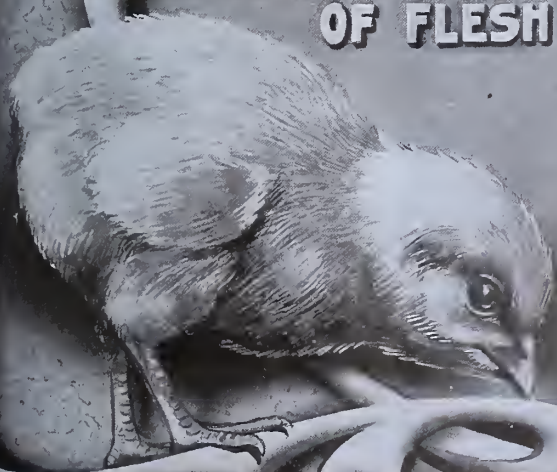
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Why Chickens Die in Hot Weather

Much of the Loss of Chicks During the Summer Months Could Be Avoided by a Little Special Care and Proper Feeding.

By THEO. F. HOLTZHAUSER.



PROBABLY the first and main cause for an unusual mortality among chicks during the hot weather of summer is, weakened constitution. Many chicks are hatched with but little vitality in them, making them an easy prey to even slightly unfavorable conditions, and they will succumb most surely to the least mistake or carelessness on the part of the breeder. This condition must be prevented in the parent stock, long before the egg is laid that is to hatch the chick. Good, healthy, vigorous and fully developed parent stock, neither kept too fat nor too poor, giving them a chance for plenty of exercise, when yarded, in fact forcing them to work for a good part of their daily rations by scratching in deep litter, the deeper the better, supplying them with such necessities as they cannot gather for themselves in enclosed pens, as animal matter in the shape of cut green bone if possible, or at least some of the dried prepared meat preparations on the market, plenty of green stuff and some charcoal, with regularity in giving them fresh clean water, fowls kept clean of vermin and houses made clean, sweet and comfortable, should give the chicks that are to come later at least an even chance for life.

When the chicks arrive the same rules as to cleanliness must be strictly observed. The hens should be dusted with some good insect powder. Coops must be cleaned and changed often from place to place and the chicks with the mother hen confined for several days. They should be given a good chick food, a little at a time and four or five times a day. Putting down enough food to last, say half a day, will cause them to over-eat at times, or the food that they leave will sour and when eaten by them later will most surely start bowel trouble

and death will result. Fresh, clean water they must have as often as feed. The hen should be dusted with insect powder not less than once a week while with the youngsters. When the chicks are strong enough and the weather will permit, the hen must be given her liberty, so that she may give the chicks advantage of exercise as well as the animal food picked up in this way. Care should be taken that the ground and grass are dry, else the chicks will get wet and take cold and bowel trouble will follow. Where chicks have range, they usually find plenty of grit which is so necessary, but when confined grit should be furnished them for best results.

Another source of trouble is in allowing dead chicks to lay around until decomposed and the other chicks getting at and eating them. This can soon wipe out a lot of promising youngsters. Hard rains must also be guarded against and if possible hens and chicks driven into the coops before the approach of rain, and if this is not possible, as is sometimes the case, as soon as the rain is over they must be looked up and such as are wet and apparently drowned, brought to the house, placed by a good fire and there brought to life. A good wetting while not beneficial is not necessarily fatal if the chicks are taken at once and warmed back to life.

The foregoing advice applies largely to chicks reared by hens. Now, the nearer we come to nature in using artificial means to hatch and rear chicks, the more success will attend our efforts. The things to guard against principally in raising youngsters in brooders is, first, over-crowding. Never place in a brooder the number of chicks it is rated at; 75 chicks may be placed in a good large brooder, the first three weeks possibly with success, if the brooder is kept clean and sweet, but at three weeks old the lot should be placed in two brooders of same capacity as first. Brooder chicks to do well must be given some inducement to scratch as this exercise is the life of them. Therefore, have plenty of short cut hay for them to exercise in. Scatter in this, millet or other small seed and you will find them

burying themselves in the litter to find every seed and they will be as happy as the day is long. Overheating is another great trouble, much more so than too little heat, and while I do not wish to be understood as advocating a cold storage plant for chicks, yet I have learned by experience that a little cold will not hurt the chicks nearly as much as overheating one time will. Feeding small quantities and

often, applies with double force in rearing brooder chicks. Brooder chicks need also to be watched in regard to sudden hard rains as they have no mother hen to protect them even for a short while and when running at large must be called up and housed before rain approaches, or else treated as above mentioned, immediately after the rain, but by all means, prevent their getting wet, if possible.

Some New Features to the Argument

A Statement of Facts in Answer to the Letter Published Last Month Over the Signature of Mr. Lienard. Breeders of all Varieties are Interested in the Matter.

By F. P. BIEDERWOLF.

I READ with interest the article in the May Fancier, entitled "A Hot One For Leghorn Breeders." While I am not a crank on the subject, I would like to answer the article through your columns and state a few facts about Leghorns which I think are generally overlooked by the breeders who are protesting.

In the first place I will say that "I am in favor of weights for all breeds." The writer says he is not interested in Leghorn weights until it comes to the show room. That seems to be the only place much objection is raised to the size of Leghorns and mostly by exhibitors who lose a prize because (as they think) the Leghorn was not cut for size and of the writer. Then he says, "I don't blame the

judge as long as there is no weight clause for Leghorns." Well, I do.

Under "Instructions to Judges," the Standard says, "The merit of specimens shall be determined by a careful examination of all the points named in the Scale of points, beginning with the symmetry, and continuing through the list, deducting from the full value of a perfect bird, for such defects as are found in each specimen." In the scale of points for Leghorns, size is valued at 8 points and on the official score card the words weight or size is the second thing to be considered in scoring a bird and for varieties which have no weight clause the Standard says the judge should cut for undersize and that is why size is on the official score card.

The scale of points for birds of the American, Asiatic and English classes gives weight a value of six points. Evidently the Standard values the size of Leghorns more than the weight of the other classes. Now, doesn't it? All this being so, is it the fault of the Leghorns or the judge?

Size is given to the Leghorns for the same reason weight is given to other breeds and is more impor-



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likely the bird was not. He then asks "Would you be satisfied with such treatment?" My answer is, "If the bird that won the prize was small and undersize for the breed I would not be satisfied and would protest, not against the bird, its owner, nor the show management, but the judge. But suppose the winning bird was one of those kind that won at Madison Square last winter, weighing six pounds for hens, seven pounds for cocks, etc., etc., you surely would not want such a bird cut for undersize. A six pound Leghorn hen lacks only one-half pound of being as heavy as a Wyandotte hen or a Rhode Island Red or R. C. Black Minorca hen

tant by two points, so the Leghorns should be dealt with the same as other breeds and if the judge does not do this the exhibitor should protest. But first be quite sure that the Leghorn is undersize.

The writer says he is "almost convinced that the Leghorn isn't good for anything but the eggs the hens lay." I am glad he is only "almost convinced." Are his R. C. Black Minorcas good for any more? Isn't the yellow legs and skin of the Leghorn one point in favor of the market which the Minorcas lack? The Minorcas have a great reputation for eggs, and justly so, but how about the "good for anything but the eggs the hens lay." I am not

comparing the Leghorns and Minorcas only I want to impress upon the writer that while he condemns a breed that isn't "good for anything, etc.," he is breeding one of the same class.

The writer says also, but I can't see how he figures it out, that "if Leghorns were given a weight clause no difference what the weights might be, they would quit the egg business right there and then." Have the Minorcas and Audulusians quit the egg business? They have standard weights.

At the Lakewood Egg Farm, which is the largest one in the world, I believe, they have a weight clause which says the hens must weigh five pounds or more and they are going into the egg business more and more.

He also says that the number of eggs a hen will lay does not depend on her size but her breed and breeding. I think it depends on the breeding alone. Two hundred egg hens are found in nearly all well bred breeds or varieties of breeds from bantams up to Brahmas.

Then, after all, he adds, "Their weights would be

fixed according to the class they belong in." Now! Then! There you have it exactly. The sum and substance of it. The secret of it all. I wonder why he did not think of that before. Their weights would be fixed according to what the Standard says of their size, viz.: "It comprizes a group characterized by rather small size, etc., etc., and should be bred strictly along these lines."

His statement is practically what I stated in an article in *POULTRY FANCIER*, sometime ago, that the weights would not be so high as to seriously handicap the breed.

In conclusion let the people who are protesting please remember that, the Standard values size of Leghorns higher than weight of other classes; that undersize Leghorns should be cut the same as other breeds or exhibitors have a right, and a good right, too, to protest; that if Leghorns are ever given Standard weights, their weights would be fixed according to the class in which they belong.

I should like to hear the opinion of judges and others on this matter.

Colony Houses—Care and Feeding

Description of a cheap Colony House which May be used for young chicks and later for older fowls, Handling Chicks in Colony Houses.

By A. G. SYMONDS.



WHEN building colony houses they should be built large enough to accommodate twenty-five chickens until they are nearly full grown. A house that is 4 feet by 5 feet and 5 feet in front and 3 feet in rear with

shed roof answers the purpose. The sills may be 2x4 halved together and the uprights and plates 2x2. Square edged boards should be used and a tight floor laid. The front should be left open, an upright placed in the center, one half should be covered with a door, the door and the other half should be covered with half inch mesh wire netting which will keep out all night intruders. The roof, sides and back should be covered with some good roofing paper. Thus drafts are avoided.

The chickens should be placed in the colony houses as soon as weaned, or if reared in a brooder as soon as they are six weeks old, providing of course the season is far enough advanced.

A supply of fresh sand or meadow hay should cover the floor. This should be changed every week and a fresh supply put in.

When the chicks get large enough to roost, nail a cleat two feet from the floor upon the sides of the house and upon these cleats two boards 4 inches in width may be placed for perches. Poles or round sticks should never be used for growing stock for they have a tendency to cause the breast bone to grow crooked.

The colony houses should be placed far enough apart to prevent the intermingling of separate birds.

The chickens should be fed three times daily. In the morning a mash one part meal and two parts mixed feed mixed with skim milk, or a dry

mash of the same ingredients, or a grain feed of one part oats, one part wheat, at noon wheat or barley, and at night cracked corn may be fed. Keep a supply of fresh water on the shady side of the house. Have grit and charcoal where they can get at it. Give the chickens plenty of free range and be careful there is shade provided to protect them from the hot rays of the sun.

Feed regularly, for instance at 6:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 5 p. m. Shut up all the doors and fasten them securely after the chickens have gone to roost at night.

Colony houses of this size can be moved with a horse upon an ordinary farm drag. Chickens in the latitude of central New Hampshire may be kept in them until late in October.

During the spring months such houses can be used for choice breeding pens. They will accommodate eight or ten birds if allowed free range. If confined four or five can easily be kept. If colony houses are used early in the spring a curtain of cotton cloth may be put over the front end to keep out the cold.

Colony houses built after the plan described above are economical and having an open front approach Nature's open air roosts. Chickens raised in such houses grow rapidly, are healthy and vigorous, and are equipped for winter much better than stock raised in closed buildings.

Keep the fowls hustling.

It does not follow that because a bird wins in the show room it is a good breeder, but it shows that the breeder who produced that bird has the kind of stock it takes to breed winners.

Criticizing the Standard won't produce show birds. Breed what the Standard calls for and you will have but little trouble winning your share of the laurels in the show room.

Summer Chicks and Summer Care

Failure is Certain With Summer Hatched Chicks unless We are Willing to Give Them Proper Attention

By REV. C. E. PETERSEN



WHEN the interest in the little chickens is at the maximum point early in the season, everything ministering to their welfare is given minute care and attention but as they grow older and particularly when the mother hen has left them or the brooder lamp has been put out, the newness has worn away and the hot season being more or less of an inducement to neglect the youngsters they in consequence suffer. Their owners do also, for it is during this time of the season that great loss is incurred, particularly among the flocks hatched late in April and May.

It may seem unnecessary to a good many beginners to furnish chicks with heat during June, but it is just as essential then as earlier in the season, and chickens hatched in May will need brooding for six weeks or they will suffer in consequence, by crowding at night, for a month old chick cannot stand the exposure to chilly night air any more than a month old baby.

Common sense has got to be used in the matter, the chickens themselves being the best guide, but I have seen whole broods of incubator hatched chickens chilled to death in brooders where the lamp had been put out because the outside atmosphere seemed sufficiently warm, and one of the chief reasons for poor success with late hatched chickens is due entirely to careless management which causes most of the mortality in the June-hatched chickens.

In the larger breeds we do not like to have chickens from them as late as June, particularly in the localities where the fall comes early, for the chilly wind and cold rains will overtake them before fully grown and they will stop development except under exceptionally good management and extra good housing, which with the majority of small raisers of poultry is not possible.

But where nothing but eggs are wanted the late hatched birds will come into laying in the early winter and do as well this way as those hatched earlier, but with exhibition poultry it is an entirely different story, for here we want more than eggs. We want size, we want fine plumage, and a fully matured look in the bird, otherwise exhibition honors become very uncertain.

With the best care a late hatched chicken will not come up to size, though it may attain to the necessary weight by extra feeding, but notwithstanding this it is undersized and shows it in the form. It is always visible to the experienced eye both in the young and in the old bird of after years.

Furthermore, the continuous breeding from such birds will make a flock which will continuously diminish in size, for the tendency is to lose in size, never to gain, in this particular if selection does not go on continuously in this feature.

The temptation is to select a bird that shows marked improvement in the much desired color requirements, and as a consequence overlook the lack

of size in the bird, but with our modern systems of selective breeding this will in the end prove utterly ruinous if continued in for we must have the three dominant characters present and not just one of them. The three necessary essentials are size, shape and color, and we must so harmonize these that we get as near as possible the perfect harmonious whole as required by the Standard of Perfection.

This is the reason why late hatched chickens if bred with the desire in view of producing exhibition specimens, are a temptation that in the end proves a failure to the ambitious beginner.

Many times this trouble is caused by the unwillingness to pay the full price for eggs early in the season and as eggs can be procured at half-price or less even during June the beginner decides to wait and if real fine fully matured stock is expected from the eggs, he generally finds that he has to wait long enough, for mostly it is a disappointment.

Where, however, summer chickens have been hatched, much can be done to help them along. A sort of gentle forcing must be resorted to, keep them eating, but at the same time keep them on their feet. Change the diet very frequently, and feed considerable soft food, containing all the necessary elements of growth. Don't give too large range; give them a fair chance, but enough food four or five times a day to satisfy their need so that they will not be needlessly running about in search for it.

There must be ample shade, the most desirable being bushes under which they can lie down during the hottest part of the day, for chickens of all ages do not like heat; they suffer from it and will always get under the shelter of some friendly tree or bush during the noon hour and up to two o'clock in the afternoon. Early morning and till sunset at night chickens are the busiest.

Let the coops be large, clean and well ventilated, for during the summer nights chickens suffer greatly if crowded, and what they have gained during the day will be lost at night. Generally, if not forced into the coop they will not go in of their own accord, but will lie outside, which shows their choice in the matter. In places where they will not be molested by marauders it is better to let them have their own choice.

Fifty in a flock of late hatched chickens are too many and twenty-five of them still more than there ought to be. The highest attainable success with late hatched chicks can be obtained where only fifteen are kept together in one coop. Remove all those that do not make even progress. Those little fellows manage to hang on, but do not grow; it is best to kill them, but if you do not want to do that, they must be separated. They will not make much progress even then, but they will make none if left with the others.

Don't keep them closed in at night unless you are willing to be up at daylight to let them out. No progress can be expected from a flock of little chickens trampling over one another in front of the coop eager to get out, but prisoners till their lazy owner gets there by eight o'clock or later to let them out. This will not do, and there will be no stock worth the while when fall comes.

Is He Right or Not?

Mr. Whitney Replies to Mr. Babcock and Mr. Wittman and Calls Upon the Small Breeder and the Amateur to Vindicate Him

By J. W. WHITNEY



Y former article seems to have stirred things up a bit, and for several reasons a reply is imperative. Yes, Mr. Babcock, we owe you an apology, but will not take valuable space here to explain why. It looks as if we were up against a hard proposition in endeavoring to convince those who have strayed away, after strange gods, of the error of their ways. But, you know, "Bread cast upon the waters returns again after many days." Again, perhaps, you may derive a little renewed confidence and consolation from the following which may be more or less familiar to you.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error wounded, writhes with pain,
And dies among his worshippers."

We entered into this discussion with open eyes. We appreciated as fully as Mr. Babcock the futility of our efforts toward reformation other than the satisfaction of letting the poultry world know our position on this subject. With us it is more a desire to be right than popular. We do not breed fancy fowls for profit, but for improvement along the lines nature intended. Recall the fable of the hare and the turtle. These "across lots" methods generally prove the longest and most expensive in the end. You are liable to lose your way in the tall grass and underbrush.

To Mr. Wittman we wish to say, we are considering these questions as they affect the whole poultry industry, the small as well as the large producer, the inexperienced as well as the veteran, the producer upon the town lot as well as the millionaire.

The writer is perfectly aware that public opinion, the requirements of our present standard, and the general adoption of double mating are powerful influences in favor of the system and that no radical reform can be expected in the immediate future. Still he is just as firm in his opinion that single mating is the only safe feasible, and scientific method of production for the general fancier. Believing this we are constrained to say a little more on this subject even at the risk of wasted time.

Mr. Wittman's reference to "Fluffy Ruffles," a freak of nature that may be reasonably expected from any method of mating at any time, and also the 1st prize S. C. Brown Lekhorn Cockerel at Madison Square Garden are not to the point. We will admit they are far ahead of the times, but will they breed their equals. Do they possess from an inherited ancestry a wealth of procreative vigor that makes their progeny their equal or their superiors. If the sole aim of poultry culture was simply to produce a few isolated specimens ahead of the times, exceptional in point of perfection it would not be necessary to discuss this subject any farther.

Matings that really mean anything are matings that make a general improvement, not produce an isolated high class bird or two at the expense of the rest of the year's production. Individual specimens that count, are not these freaks of nature, but superior specimens that can be produced in numbers 60 to 75 per cent of the whole year's product. Each individual of which has capabilities for the production of others as good or better. The writer awaits with great anticipation and interest the advent of Fluffy Ruffles No. 2 and the reproduction of the 1st prize Madison Square Cockerel referred to. Give us these in quantities, Mr. Wittman, and you have us called.

Way back in the "eighties" the writer produced S. C. Brown Leghorns from single matings and we had birds reaching the limit in score, both sex from one pen as high as 10 and 15 birds each sex in one season by such judges as Felch, Butterfield, McClave, Russell, etc., but that's not to the point. What we want to know is how double mating affects the purchaser of fancy fowls, the man who is just starting in the business, the fancier, the clerk, the bank cashier, the merchant, or any town lotter, with 50x50, or 50x100 ft. of available space at the rear of his town residence. It takes twice the money to start if he cares to breed both male and female lines and it takes twice the room. Ten to one if he is put next he passes up double mating. Of course, Mr. Wittman, and every other large producer with experience and unlimited space and a good trade, is a champion of double mating. It is a money maker for them. It makes an excuse for the sale of double the birds that single mating would. They are sellers. They are all right, and as they mate and breed them and with their reputation for production, and ability as salesmen, double mating certainly is a pretty warm proposition. But how about the largest per cent of the small producers, with limited experience, reputation, room and money? The writer is willing to rest his case with them. Speak up, my amateur friends, and tell these advocates of double mating how your expense account stands, and what brilliant successes you have achieved in your matings. Do you find double mating easy? Do you experience any trouble in producing the equal of your \$75.00 breeding pen you purchased and warranted to produce the A1 Simon pure article, warranted to win or bust for you?

But why waste time and space on this subject. The facts are, the only fanciers that are really benefited by double matings are the large producers, the men who have a big trade, the sellers and not the purchasers. By no stretch of the imagination can we see any advantage to the inexperienced or small poultry men, in double mating and we still insist we are right, that no larger per cent of the high class birds are produced today by double matings than were produced 10, yes 15, years, ago by single matings, nor are they stronger in constitution, vigor or shade of color, except in very isolated cases, and experienced breeders that would have made good by the single mating system or any other system are largely responsible for these.

Galton's and Mendel's Laws Compared

A Few Helpful Thoughts for Fanciers Who Are Interested in the Laws of Breeding

By H. S. BABCOCK



ACCORDING to Galton's law of inheritance, the two parents determine 50 per cent of the characteristics of their progeny, the four grandparents together 25 per cent, and the earlier ancestors the remaining 25 per cent.

According to Mendel's law, the two grandparents, if the parents are descended from the same sire and dam, determine each 25 per cent, or taken together 50 per cent of the characteristics of the progeny, while the remaining 50 per cent is determined by the parents.

Galton's law is, therefore, a law of cross-breeding, or at least a law not applicable to the closest inbreeding, that of brother and sister; while Mendel's law is a law of the closest inbreeding. According to the first, ancestors earlier than grandparents are responsible for one-fourth of the characteristics of the progeny; while according to the second the influence of such early ancestors is wholly eliminated.

There is one striking point of similarity in these two laws: in each 50 per cent of the characteristics of the progeny is derived from the parents. This 50 per cent, it is true, may manifest itself differently for, according to Galton's law, it may appear in every individual in combination with the characteristics derived from earlier ancestors, while according to Mendel's law it will appear in one half the total number of individuals. Yet, under both laws the percentage of influence of the parents is the same.

Assuming that both laws, thus boldly stated, can be accepted as true, we may draw from them some interesting corollaries.

1st. The closest inbreeding would eliminate all inheritable characteristics beyond the grandpar-

ents. No matter what the earlier ancestors were, their influence for good or ill could be entirely eradicated in the third generation. Reversion and atavism would be impossible beyond grandparents. Close inbreeding would thus become a powerful factor in breeding operations.

2nd. If the closest inbreeding is practiced, the two grandparents, according to the law of Mendel, are able to exert all of the influences exerted by the four grandparents, according to the law of Galton, plus that of all the earlier ancestors. Or to state this in another form, the two Mendelian grandparents exert twice as much influence as the four Galtonian grandparents.

3rd. A distinction, however, needs to be noticed. While under the law of Galton, the characteristics of parents, grandparents and earlier ancestors may be combined in the individual descendants, according to the law of Mendel 25 per cent of the descendants will be like one grandparent, 25 per cent like the other and the remaining 50 per cent will show a combination of the characteristics of the parents. The law of Galton is one of combinations, that of Mendel one of alternatives.

Both laws may be true—to some extent they undoubtedly are—but both may need to be properly qualified. We know, for example that reversion and atavism certainly do take place, and to that extent we know that the ancestors further back than grandparents do at times exert an influence. We also know that in some cases at least where the descendants of one pair are interbred a portion of the progeny resembles one grandparent, another portion the other grandparent, while the remainder have the mixed characteristics of the parents. But we do not know just why atavism occurs nor just what characteristics will act as units under the laws of inheritance. The work of the future, at least for practical breeding, will be to determine the limitations and qualifications of the laws of inheritance, so that they may become more certain instruments for working the will of the breeder.

Keep the Chicks Growing

Failure to Do So Can Even Make Scrubs Out of What Might Otherwise Be Prize Winners—It Affects Size, Health, Shape and Color

By B. S. HARMON



THE caption of this article needs to be emphasized every year. "Keep the chickens growing" contains as much chicken sense as can be condensed into four words. "There is a reason." for this advice.

1. A chicken whose growth is retarded, from what cause soever, seldom or never makes up for the loss. It almost invariably will be deficient in size, and frequently it will be deficient in figure and

plumage. The largest and best chickens are those which never stop growing from the time they are excluded from the shell to the time they are fully developed.

2. All retardation of growth means a loss of food. The food consumed by a chicken while it stands still in growth or goes backward is a total loss. Insignificant in amount it may be where there are only very few chickens, but not insignificant where there are many chickens.

3. If the retardation in growth is for any considerable period, such development as the chick makes will be later in time. Pullets whose growth has been retarded may not be sufficiently developed in the fall to begin laying, and, subject to some exceptions, pullets which do not begin to lay in the fall lay few or no eggs in the winter. A few weeks of retardation in growth may thus mean several

months of delay in beginning to lay, during which time they make no return for the food they consume.

4. This fourth reason may be regarded as a sentimental one, but sentiment plays an important part in all our lives. Chickens which do not make steady and continuous growth do not give the pleasure in rearing that is derivable from those which do. One

takes comfort in watching the unretarded development of a flock of chickens, but a flock which makes no progress furnishes only anxiety.

For all of the above reasons, practical and sentimental, it is wise to keep the chickens growing by giving them proper surroundings, food and care. If one hatches chickens at all, he should keep them growing.

Claims Open Front Houses are Best

Experience and Observations That Have Convinced a New Hampshire Breeder that Open Front Houses are Closer to Nature and are Unquestionably Best

By A. G. SYMONDS

THE open front poultry house for cold northern climates, as well as warmer latitudes, has come to stay, because it combines more advantages than any house yet devised. How to construct a house that would approach outdoor condition and at the same time eliminate wind and storm, has been a problem for poultrymen for many years. The partridge living in the open, roosting in the trees in cold regions has been an object lesson to those wishing to approach Nature in the matter of poultry houses. The air tight, the closed buildings, and houses of the scratching shed plan, have all had their day and must, by the natural evolution of building, be supplanted by the open front house.

The house may be built with a single or double roof, but the single roof is preferable for many reasons. Every side should be wind and storm proof, except one, which should be left open and face to the south. This should be covered with wire netting to keep out intruders and keep the hens from the snow. A curtain may be lowered over the front in stormy weather and one dropped in front of the roost, which should be in the rear of the house, to protect the hens from wind and cold. Abundance of litter should be supplied and the house is ready for occupancy.

There are many open front houses, in New Hampshire in the latitude of 42 degrees, in practical operation. The writer has visited many of these houses in the dead of winter for the purpose of studying the effects of severe weather upon the hens. In every case he found the birds in good condition and perfect health.

The writer's nearest neighbor built an open front house for the purpose of testing its practical qualities. A flock of White Wyandotte pullets were moved into the house in the latter part of October. During the five winter months they were confined, not only did they lay more eggs, but their eggs hatched better and they were in better condition in the spring than pullets fed and cared for in the same way, but kept in houses with scratching sheds attached. The next year a flock of hens were kept in the open front house, comparisons made as before with the same result, thus proving beyond a shadow of doubt the superiority of such a house.

In southern New Hampshire upon one farm there

are 500 to 600 open front houses in which 8,000 to 10,000 hens are kept from October until June. These houses are built A-shaped and accommodate but fifteen hens each. Pullets are purchased in the fall and are never let out of the houses until they are shipped to live poultry markets in June or July. This plant has been in successful operation for nearly a quarter of a century. Consequently the principle of open front houses is not a new or untried one.

The hen houses used by our grandparents, with cracks nearly as wide as one's fingers between the boards, were better and more healthful than the air-tight houses of today. The house built on the scratching shed plan is better than the closed house only during the day time, for the hens are shut up air tight during the night. The modern open front house not only has all the advantages of the other houses, but it does away with their bad features and is a long step in advance.

It has many advantages: First, it admits the largest amount of sunshine and fresh air without drafts; second, it is the most healthy, keeps fowls in the best condition, while colds, roup, and kindred diseases are practically unknown; third, it admits of the most exercise; fourth, it is most economical, for it is inexpensive to build and to care for; fifth, it is the most profitable, for hens lay better and eggs hatch better; sixth, it is self-ventilated and always keeps sweet and clean.

The open front house is to be recommended to every poultryman in the land whether he dwells in northern latitudes or sunny climes, for it is a house that today most nearly approaches Nature, and who can improve on Nature? A house built after Nature's plans, subject to Nature's laws, is an ideal one.

The successful breeders of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and all other kinds of live stock are lovers of the animals. The same conditions exist in the breeding of fowls. If they are not beautiful and interesting to you, you will never succeed with them.

One of the most necessary characteristics for a poultryman to possess is "promptness." It will do no good to gorge the chicks with food after they have been half starved, nor to provide warmth for them after they have been chilled, nor to take them in out of the rain after they have been half drowned, nor a score of other things that are done every day by the people whose motto is "Never do today, what you can put off till tomorrow."

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June, 1909.

A New Plan for Licensing Judges

At the next annual meeting of the
American Poultry Association which
will convene at Niagara Falls, August
10, there will be a number of amend-
ments to the Constitution and By-
Laws presented for adoption and
among them is a new plan for licens-
ing judges. We publish it in full in
this number of POULTRY FANCIER.

We believe that it is a step nearer
toward a solution of the problem but
we imagine that a rigid enforcement
of it will produce conditions which
will necessitate a change in some of
the details. The greatest possible
care will have to be taken in the se-
lection of the Examining Board. The
members will have to be judges of
long experience and men who are
free from entangling alliances of all
kinds and who have a reputation for
fairness and broad minded principles.
The number might well be ten instead
of five.

One of the requirements of the plan
which will be hard to enforce is the
necessity for each applicant to give
the names of six associations by
whom he has been employed to judge
during the two years previous to his
application. All judges who are at
present holding a license will be com-
pelled to comply with this rule. There

are 159 of them and it is perhaps safe
to say that at least 100 of them have
not handled six shows in two years.
Among those who would be debarred
are some well known breeders who
will quickly make their influence felt
if they are branded by the American
Poultry Association as ineligible to
act as judge. Even our friend, Theo.
Hewes, would be shut out under this
rule and he has in his time handled as
many shows each season perhaps as
any other judge. There are 31 appli-
cations to be voted upon at the meet-

ing in August and if they are all ac-
cepted it will bring the number of
licensed judges up to 190, while prob-
ably 90 per cent of the shows each
season are handled by 50 men. The
present plan of licensing judges has
proven inadequate within less than
eighteen months after its adoption.
The new one will also fail to bring
about ideal conditions, but let us hope
that enough headway will be made
each time to encourage the belief that
at some time the problem may be
satisfactorily solved.

Another Case of Inexcusable Lack of Unin- formity in Judging

Since the matter of uniform judg-
ing has been so prominently placed
before the fraternity through the col-
umns of POULTRY FANCIER we have
received numerous letters from breed-
ers who have had experience along
this line and many of the cases prove
conclusively that greater uniformity
in judging can, undoubtedly, be se-
cured.

One of the cases we refer to is that
of a Single Comb Rhode Island Red
hen owned by an Iowa breeder. The
bird was scored at two shows this
season by well known judges and
one of the cards shows a score of
82¾ and the other 91¾, making a
difference on the face of the cards
of nine points. In addition to the
wide difference of opinion existing
in this case there is also the condition
we have referred to editorially, name-
ly: the errors made by clerks and
show officials in figuring score cards.
The total cuts on the card showing a
score of 82¾ were summed up as
17¼, when, in fact, they should be
only 14¼. The person who added
the score card made a mistake of
three points in the total. This would
make the bird score 85¾ instead of
82¾. Thus it can be readily seen
how breeders are often made to suffer
loss by mistakes of this kind. They
are so numerous that all fanciers
should make it a point to go over
their score cards and verify the scores
in all cases.

In this particular instance the bird
in question deserved a heavier cut for
weight at one show than the other
and this makes a difference of ¾ of
a point which makes the actual dif-
ference between the two judges 5¼
points. An analysis of this difference
is what justifies us in the statement
embodied in the title at the head of
this item. The judge who gave the
bird the lower score cut her 2½
points for shape of comb. The other
judge cut her 1¼ points in this
section, which is just one-half the
amount. The first judge cut her 1½
for shape of tail, which is also just
double the amount discounted by the
second judge. The second one cut
her ¾ of a point in color of wings
and the first one cut her 2¼ points,
which is exactly three times as much.

There is no question but what one of
these judges is very far off in his
knowledge of what a Rhode Island
Red should be.

We submit the following question
to those of our readers who may have
taken the stand that greater uniform-
ity in judging cannot be secured.
Would it not be possible for these
two judges to get together with this
bird before them and one of them
be convinced that he is dead wrong
in his views? If the two judges could
not convince each other that both
should modify their views in a case
of this kind, there ought to be some
source of appeal, as for instance, a
judges' organization that would be in
position to compel respect for its
authority and it should say to one or
the other of the judges or perhaps to
both of them that they must change
their views. There can be no excuse
for one man valuing a defect at ¾ of
a point and another one valuing it at
2¼. This is also true in connection
with the other two sections, the comb
and color of tail. We do not claim
that absolute uniformity can be se-
cured, but we do claim that through
organized effort such absurdities as
shown above can be prevented.

And don't for one moment lose
sight of the fact that conditions are
just as rotten (excuse the word) un-
der comparison judging as they are
by score card. The two judges in
the above instance would have been
just as far apart in their ideas if
they had been judging the birds by
comparison as they were in scoring
them. The only difference is that by
using the score card they are forced
to show just where they stand. Un-
der the comparison system they could
cover up their tracks. They would
not be compelled to say what degree
of excellence the bird possessed nor
why it possessed it. Abolishing the
score card would not remedy the evil.
It would only conceal the magnitude
of it. Judge No. 1 who cut the wings
¾ of a point has the same idea of
quality as he would have were he
judging the bird at a comparison
show. Judge No. 2, who cut the wing
2¼ points, would carry his same ideas
in comparison judging. Hence the
bird might win first at a comparison
show under judge No. 1 and not re-

ceive a second look from judge No. 2 at another comparison show. The same lack of uniformity would exist, but there would be no way to expose it. Breeders should therefore not deceive themselves by believing that

comparison judging gives us perfect judging and uniform judging. There are just as many complaints and differences of opinion at comparison shows as there are at score card shows and everybody who is familiar

with conditions knows this to be a fact. What we need is better judging by both systems and if exhibitors ever wake up and get tired of being imposed upon, we will then see an improvement.

New Plans for Licensing Judges

The following amendments to the By-Laws of the American Poultry Association will be presented at the August meeting. If they are adopted and honestly and rigidly enforced, a judges license will mean more than it now does.

Two classes of Judges of poultry shall be recognized and licensed by this Association, to be known as the American Poultry Association Judges, namely, General Judges, comprising those who are licensed to judge all varieties of fowl represented in the American Standard of Perfection, and Specialty Judges, including those who are licensed to judge one or more varieties in the Standard, but not all varieties; provided, that such Judges must be members of this Association.

Applicants for Judge's license shall sign application blanks furnished by the Secretary of this Association for this purpose. This application blank shall contain a statement of the qualifications and experience of the applicant as a Poultry Judge, together with the names of six associations by whom he has been employed as Judge, within two years previous to application, for reference purposes.

A printed notice of each application must be sent to all members of the Association by the Secretary at least sixty days before the opening date of the Annual Meeting, at which action shall be taken on the application, thus giving members an opportunity to protest for cause.

Each application shall be referred to the Executive Board, and receive a majority vote before it can be referred to the Judges' Examining Board, excepting that such action will not be necessary on the application of any Judge who now holds a license; provided, however, that he fulfill all

other requirements of this article within ninety days after its adoption.

Each applicant, upon being notified by the Secretary, must present himself before the Judges' Examining Board to demonstrate his ability and qualifications in actual judging and further examination, before he can secure a license to judge; excepting that the Judges' Examining Board have the privilege of exempting such applications of the older Judges of recognized standing, who have had the necessary experience.

Each license issued under this article shall state whether the license is for General or Specialty Judge, and if the latter, it shall name the varieties said licensee is licensed to judge.

A fee of \$5.00 payable February 1st each year will be charged each qualified Judge.

Each holder of a license on February 1st must furnish the Secretary of the Association with a list of the shows, together with the name and address of the Secretary, where he has judged during the previous year.

On April 1st the Secretary of this Association shall furnish a list of Judges holding licenses to the members of this Association, stating whether the license issued is a General or Specialty license.

THE EXAMINING BOARD.

The Examining Board shall consist of a Chairman and four other members to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The five members of the Judges' Examining Board shall be appointed at one of the meetings of the Executive Committee during the 1909 meeting as follows:

A Chairman and one other member for a term of four years.

One member for a term of three years.

One member for a term of two years.

One member for a term of one year.

One member of the Judges' Examining Board shall be appointed annually thereafter, excepting when the Chairman's term expires two members shall be appointed for the term of four years each.

Not more than two members of the Judges' Examining Board shall be appointed from the same State or Province, and the Executive Committee shall designate who the Chairman shall be.

All members of the Examining Board shall be duly qualified Judges holding a General license.

DUTIES OF THE EXAMINING BOARD.

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Judges' Examining Board.

It shall instruct the Secretary of this Association to distribute all notices of the meetings of the Judges' Examining Board sixty days in advance, to regularly acted upon applicants and the press.

It shall conduct two examinations at representative shows in different sections of the country, providing that all shows where examinations are held are members of this Association. Each examination to be attended by the Chairman and two other members.

It shall prepare and conduct practical tests by an examination of applicants in the showroom and such further actual and written examination as is decided upon.

It shall investigate and prepare for presentation to the Executive Committee all complaints filed against the individual Judges and Associations of any nature whatever.

It shall investigate the merits and make recommendations on all new breeds and varieties applying for recognition as Standard breeds.

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WIN AND BREED ON

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Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

From Plymouth Rock breeders, all varieties. The season has been a corker in that it presented great competition. We will cull closer than ever and elevate the ideals.

If Tom Quisenberry lands that job down there in Missouri there will be some doings in poultry lines. He's the right man for it.

Linc Orr trots out his candidate in plenty of time!

Did H. V. know anything about it before hand? Well, I should say knit.

And now they say Grant was sore because he didn't start that row! Well, he had a hand in it any way. We "Let It Alone," according to advice received from Ada Jones.

Explanation of that grinding sound out on the coast. Mrs. Metcalf is sharpening her tomahawk.

There are a lot of great Indians in the Red men's allies!

Whatever you boys are going to do at Niagara Falls, just keep to yourselves. I am going to stay home and eat fried Barred Rock.

Do you know I always imagined Lyman Hill as an old man, with four feet of alfalfa on his chin! Just saw his photo the other day.

I wonder if the judges will get together now, after reading "Who's Who?" Some slam, eh?

Saw George Burgott's photo the other day. By George! I thought he was touring Europe in his big, blue Great-Arrow.

E. E. "Dick" Richards, with a smile from ear to ear sits back in his office chair, a full member of the executive board.

A. Y. P. poultry show next. There might be a longer list of judges to hang out as an attraction.

Warning to promising looking chicks of 1909: Look out! Deacon Heck, if he once gets sight of you, will want to start you on a thousand mile trip to be scored a dozen times.

You Standard makers, vain and wise, Will get your dues in this revise When your work comes before our eyes.

—Uncle Ike Felch.

Now that the Northwest branch of the A. P. A. has been successful in getting \$2,500 per year for poultry work at the Minnesota station, why not go ahead and let said branch work for the same or better in the other states of its jurisdiction? Do not throw a fit, Harold. Why not do it?

The A. P. A. backing was behind the appeal to Minnesota's law-makers and a turn of tables is but fair.

During early life the boy who is now known as C. S. Gorline showed a great fondness for fried spring chicken. After settling it in his own mind that Utah was a good place to grow them in, it being sunny and the air out there being unfavorable to the development of poultry disease breeding microbes, he began by contributing to the poultry papers, it being more befitting the gentleman to raise them on paper than on the soil of his adopted province. Some have said that he located there because he was a good week's journey away from the domiciles of those who would be most likely to get antagonistic over his wordy messages of poultry wisdom.

Having never met the gentleman we are more competent to give misinformation concerning him than his neighbors, which is lucky for us and

the biographee. Mr. Gorline soon saw that if he would become popular as a poultry writer he must give to an awaiting poultry world a wealth of stuff that it would not appreciate, so he started in. He has been popular ever since. Has he not been thrown down by that wily editor in the Zoo of the City of Beauty—no, no, I mean the City of Beans? And has he not shown his greatness by scorning the Bearded Lion in way of reply?

The one great prayer of the gentleman's heart seems to be "Give us this day our daily topic that will stir up the animals," and from the way they all jump upon him with their brushpiles of literature, he seems to hit the topic and then cover up his tracks with generous doses of wordy words. But the fancy must have meat to chew and as our friend behind the counter he sets his halo just so every morning and hands us what we want. Let us rise up en masse and call him blessed.

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SHE DENIES THE ALLEGATION.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER.—

There are many enjoyable articles in the columns of POULTRY FANCIER, but those hitting hard at "double mating" of Brown Leghorns have seemed to get my blood circulating a little "sooner" than normal, and I just got the idea in my head that I am called upon to speak.

Now when Mr. Lienard of Lancaster, O., says "the Leghorn is good for nothing else but to lay eggs," he betrays the fact that he doesn't happen to understand his subject, and even if she is no good but to lay eggs. I've figures of debit and credit items of 12 months' work with a flock of 100 R. C. Brown Leghorns that gave \$1.10 apiece clear profit, besides getting rid of some three and four-year-olds and fine pullets in their place, bringing the flock up to much better shape than when I began, and that on eggs sold only.

We used on table all we wanted and no account kept of them.

To prove that the Leghorns are of some use besides to lay, allow me to say that for years I have raised a nice early bunch of chicks, and sold the cockerels that had off color and

comb for broilers to customers in my locality, and those little birds that dressed 3 lbs. per pair were fat as butter and brought 28c per lb. and cost to raise about 15c per lb.

I believe up to 3 lbs. per pair I can raise Leghorns as cheap as any breed, and a thoroughbred Leghorn pullet is always in demand.

Mr. Murphy, of Cooperstown, N. Y., says in his article to breed them single mating as described by Standard for pullet line. He finds the male bird with an orange, striped black hackle, and clear orange saddle as handsome as those beauties we are trying to get to win the blue with; bred with cherry red neck and back and saddle with the metallic green-black stripe in center of every feather. I believe if we use only one mating we would have a still handsome female by breeding cockerel line, and keeping the female with a back of darkest brown, not quite black, a breast of maroon, and not to change on comb, lobe, or shape. But, I am willing to double mate till it is proved we can get handsome birds of both sexes from single mating. Oh, yes, I nearly forgot the weight clause. I do say we should have a standard for weight.

I do not like a small R. C. Brown

Leghorn. Give them 3 lbs. anyway for hen and 5 for cock, and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. less for pullet and cockerel or make hen $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

I have always striven for size, and my birds are certainly nice size, and can see improvement in eggs after selecting large ones for setting for 10 years.

Leghorns are not bred for meat, no more than a Jersey is bred for beef, yet a good sized, well fed Leghorn is a delicious morsel when well cooked.

Depend upon it, a Leghorn hen is a money maker for the one who will take a little interest in her, and she will eat lots of cut clover, alfalfa, apple, cabbage and cooked potato, and sing and work in the litter for a few grains of corn and wheat and lay all winter and then all summer, nearly.

Montrose, Pa. Clara S. Bissell.

* * HE WANTS THE FIGHT KEPT UP.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

Your position in regard to the lack of uniformity in judging is well and timely taken. Many of us have sat up and taken notice of these unaccountable differences of poultry judging by the score card system until we have sat down again in the midst of this seemingly unnecessary confusion, tried to count the cost, balance up the debit side of the ledger with cold, hard earned dollars and try again to produce something with feathers on to measure up to a consistent judgment of at least a bare majority of judges. But, alas, the second condition was worse than the first. However, we begin to see a rift in the cloud in the poultry judges' sky and a dim light of hope struggling on down the rugged way of the Judging System until its welcome rays begin to brighten up the future of the struggling fanciers with the hope, at least, that better days are coming—days of encouragement—days of reward—days of victory—and when those days come, a shout will go up from the camp of poultry fanciers—hard-working, loyal hearted, blue blooded fanciers that will make the welkin ring. I am not a pessimist.

I have always been an optimist, at least, have tried hard to be one, true, clear to the core—but sometimes my sight grew a little dim and my aim became a little doubtful, but I brushed away the mist and blazed away at the mark—and at least if I did miss, threw smoke into the other fellow's eyes and exploded my powder and I have never entertained for one moment, even a thought of surrendering to the foe and never shall, now that such men as Heck, Felch, Rigg and others equally as valiant are on the firing line, until the poul-

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try judge has a purpose and can give a reasonable reason for his judgment. No, not until a more uniform method of judging is in vogue among at least two judges to the end that they can guess within from six to ten points of the perfections or imperfections of the same bird on the same day. Let us keep up the fight. It certainly will warm up the cold blood and stimulate the stagnant circulation of the poultry world until it throbs with new interest and newer life, until a better system of judging is established among the judging fraternity and a more perfect community of interest maintains among the poultry judges and the exhibitors.

F. D. Sutton.

Youngstown, Ohio.

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THE BEST HATCHING SEASON.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

This is the day of revolution in established ideas of poultry raising and I want to take a shot at the old idea that April and May are the great months in which to raise fine birds.

I honestly believe that with proper care chicks may be raised at least in this latitude every month of the year with the very greatest success and profit.

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It is true that the effect of the spring season is to wonderfully accelerate the development of the sex

instinct. The pullets will lay at an extremely early age and the cockerels will crow very young, but early maturity is not a fatal fault.

It must be remembered that my experiment was tried with eggs from a hen now four years old. A bird of wonderful vitality and great size.

I want to recommend to fanciers who have extremely valuable birds this idea of all the year round hatching where suitable protection can be given the chicks.

Milton W. Brown.

Cincinnati, O.

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DO THE LESS POPULAR VARIETIES GET A SQUARE DEAL?

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

There is one point which greatly concerns breeders of less prominent breeds and that is that most all the judges devote their energies to Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Leghorns and others of the more prominent varieties and they give very little attention to the rest. It stands to reason that a Minorca fancier dealing entirely with Minorcas, studying them and their qualifications all the time, should know a good specimen. I am not kicking because I have always come out in a satisfactory manner as far as prizes are concerned, but to illustrate what I mean I will relate one of my experiences.

I sent three hens, four pullets and a pen of February hatched chicks to a state fair held last September. The judge gave me 1st, 2nd and 3rd on hens, but the third hen award was tacked to the pullet coop. The bird was quite large for a pullet so the judge gave it third as hen, but it was not over Standard weight for pullet. Two of the smaller pullets received 1st and 2nd and the pen of chicks—well, they were all hens. You could not fool that judge. He was too wise to be caught by putting in hens for pullets. My competitor, who is an honorable gentleman, asked why that pen was not passed upon, and had it not been for this competitor I would have lost clear out on that beautiful pen of chicks. I believe this judge was honest. I do not censure him. I simply mention these things to show that he was not well enough acquainted with the breed to know what to expect. He had just come from a locality where small Minorcas grow and because my pullets were larger than the hens at the other fair, mine were hens too. He was not comparing my birds with the Standard but with others at another show.

A Subscriber.

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JUDGE HEIMLICH ON UNIFORM JUDGING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

The editorial in March issue of POULTRY FANCIER is timely. That more uniform judging should, can and must be done is a self-evident fact. The present accepted licensed judges; also those who are aspirants to judgeship, should be given an opportunity to make good and not be put to the necessity of digging out a

working system that often conflicts with the Standard instructions, common sense, and too often is a reproach on score card judging. A large majority of judges within the past year have expressed themselves as seeing the need, first of organization, secondly of having an annual conference in meeting with the American Poultry Association, where, through a committee, arrangements could be made to handle the different Standard varieties. The secretary of the Judges' Association could induce judges and breeders to send one, two or more specimens of certain varieties. The judges should each make a card for the various specimens, these cards to be numbered by the secretary, the judges to each foot up his cards and sign his name, the bunch placed in an envelope and sealed with name of variety under consideration. One day should be devoted to this and the morning of the second day the envelopes be opened and the contents and footings read, a pair of each variety brought out, so that section after section from comb to toe nails could be discussed and each and all given an opportunity of freely expressing themselves as to why and how they arrived at the cuts as made on the

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cards. I know in presenting this plan there will be some who object. If someone has a better plan let us have it. The fact remains that the judges' association is organized. What is wanted now is the \$5.00 membership fee, with part of which fund the above plan can be carried out, and the express charges, hall rent, care and feed provided for the fowls. There is no doubt in my mind but what with such a school we can arrive at a system where more uniform work can be accomplished in scoring Standard poultry. This would also tend to bring the judges from every section of our country and Canada to the meeting at Niagara Falls next August, and prove of lasting good to the whole fraternity of poultrymen throughout the United States and Canada.

D. T. Heimlich.

Jacksonville, Ill.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON UNIFORM JUDGING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

Why all this talk about lack of uniform judging? Why do such conditions exist, and what is the remedy, if any? This is a very serious matter that confronts fanciers at present, and it affects judges, exhibitors and poultry shows. Let us all unite, therefore, in an effort to bring about the desired end. It was thought by many that when the American Poultry Association licensed judges, all would be well, but what did a license under the conditions accomplish? Simply nothing. I am one of the judges who did not apply for a license, and therefore, feel at liberty to criticize the conditions imposed by the American Poultry Association; also the value of a license obtained in such a manner. When the Association shall formulate a set or sets of questions, give each and every applicant a thorough examination, requiring that they judge by score card and comparison, going over the same birds several times and giving their reasons for each cut or discount on the score card, then to those showing a certain degree of ability, issue a license, a judge will have something that will be an honor and of value. I believe such conditions would make for more uniformity for several reasons. There would be more system, a more uniform ideal of each variety and in the exchange of ideas possibly some of us could absorb a little more knowledge. When a judge does not know the valuation of a section under consideration, how can he make a proper discount for defects therein, and if he happens to score the same bird twice or more and makes a difference of one to four points, who can wonder at it? There are some sections that it will always be impossible for judges to see alike or even for the same judge to see twice alike, such as carriage of tail, elevation of breast, etc., but these are or should be of secondary consideration as they are not a fixed quantity. There is no excuse for a judge discounting a comb one point one day and the next day two points, in the

same condition and when judges cannot score the same bird twice alike in the same day, is there any wonder that we do not get uniform work when done by different judges? Another thing that would produce more uniform work is a more uniform Standard. The present book is faulty in a great many important details. Now, in conclusion, while the iron is hot is the time to strike, and while this subject is fresh is the time to accomplish much good.

L. G. Housholder.

Bonaparte, Iowa.

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PET HOBBIES OF JUDGES.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

I think it would be a glorious good thing if we could get the judges to follow the Standard and cut out the hobby business. I was up against one of these cases good and strong during the past season at one of the large comparison shows. All the judge could see was the wing of a bird. If a bird did not have a good wing he threw it back in the coop without any more attention. Shape was given no consideration whatever. One of my pullets was ignored entirely because she had not moulted the chick feathers in her wing. Another leading judge who was an exhibitor in the class said that this bird was an easy winner and that she would have won first at New York. He told judge No. 1 that the bird should be placed and should have color and shape specials, but the judge said, "Perhaps, if she only had a different wing." Four other judges in attendance at the show expressed the opinion that the bird should have been placed and several parties wanted me to protest. I never do that, but always take what I get. Protests hurt the judge, the show and the man who protests. It is entirely wrong for judges to ignore the Standard and follow whims of their own, but they can do this at a comparison show to perfection, because they leave no record as would be the case with a score card show.

Barred Rock Breeder.

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JUDGES SHOULD NOT FAVOR SMALL SHOWS.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER—

There is a great deal appearing in the poultry press concerning uniform scoring, but I have read nothing so far that seems to properly recognize one very serious obstacle. That is the action of judges in favoring new associations and small shows, giving them high scores "to encourage the new breeders." This, to my mind, is wrong. Neither association or breeders should appreciate this action. It is bad for the breeder, bad for the judge and bad for the score card system. The breeder is made to believe that he has quality which in fact he does not have. He imagines that because his White Rock scored 94 at his local show, and the winner at some large national show scored 93 that he has a better bird, and is justified in expecting to win hands down at some large show, in

strong competition. The chances are that if he does make such an exhibit he will not touch the money at all, the score of his bird will be lowered, as will his "hen fever." This liberal scoring will also injure the reputation of the judge, for it may be that he will handle at a large show some birds previously handled at a small show, and there, in strong competition, the bird will fall to where it properly belongs, the breeder becomes disgruntled, charging the judge with dishonesty, that he has been bought by some large breeder, or some other unjust charge that will work harm to him. It works against the score card system in that the breeder does not have the faith in it he should have.

Personally I have little use for the score card. I prefer comparison every time, but as the breeders of the country, especially the new ones, want their birds scored, it becomes the duty of the judge to score them, and he should be as conscientious and severe in his cutting for defects in the breeder's yard or the small show as he would be in strongest competition. Then the breeder would know exactly what he had, or rather what that particular judge thought he had.

An incident came under my observation last winter that serves to illustrate the point well. A certain White Wyandotte breeder showed with an association holding its second exhibition, winning first pullet with a pretty little lady scoring 96. He was delighted almost to death, and no doubt thought he had all the country skinned. Later he sent her to an old-

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er show, where the competition was somewhat stronger, and the judge succeeded in finding five better pullets. Evidently the judge handling her the first time, was too easy in his score.

If the score card system is at all reliable there is no reason why a bird scoring 93 at one show should not score within one point of that at any other show under any other judge. All this talk about "condition" affecting the scores so much is rot. I have seen too much judging to believe any such thing. During the winter all healthy birds in full plumage are in practically the same condition, and any bird will remain in show condition, barring dirt, for three or four months. If a bird is sick and really out of condition, it has no business in the show room at all. Dirt isn't considered by the judge scoring, near as seriously as in comparison.

There never will be uniform scoring. Men cannot see alike, nor construe plain English alike, much less the many varying terms and expressions of our present Standard alike.

Blum, Texas. Oscar Pogue.

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WHAT THE COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTE NEEDS.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

The Columbian Wyandotte breeders of America might be of untold benefit to the variety by exerting their influence toward the formation of a Standard and suggesting the selection of judges who recognize the peculiarities of the breed, from the point of view of the breeder and his needs, to place it on the high plane of the Light Brahma in coloring. This cannot be accomplished in a year or in fact firmly fixed in less than five years. Conditions peculiar to the breed exist. They are before us and we cannot get around them. They are there and they must be met and dealt with, but not by the consideration of scattered or isolated cases. We do not refer to the breed-

er who may be fortunate enough to have brought his birds to such a point that birds which are judged squarely and fairly by a Light Brahma Standard, may be classed as good breeders. They are out of the consideration of this appeal. It is the less fortunate majority, the rank and file of more or less thoughtful breeders of this variety which concerns us. If we wish to make the variety popular, these must be educated to the use of their best specimens in their breeding pens.

Exhibitors and judges exert a great influence on the mind of the amateur breeder. They are great educators. How important that in this variety the right impressions be conveyed to the amateur. If we err in this matter let us err in the right direction, that of standing firm for the most valuable specimens from a breeding point of view, receiving the preference at the hands of our judges until the rank and file of our breeders can become firmly established and the breed get its color characteristics so firmly fixed as to take care of itself. A general expression of opinion regarding the needs of the breed for its most speedy perfection and to court suggestions from every breeder of this variety is desirable. A safe and sure Standard for the Columbian Wyandotte means much for its future. It may mean the difference between the development of the variety along lines which will place it at the top of the list. Again, any mistakes, especially in the highest development in coloring which is essential to its general popularity may mean the failure of this variety to make good in inexperienced hands and as a general favorite. The public will judge its coloring from the highest Light Brahma standpoint

and its breeding possibilities from the same standpoint. We must have the breed in a position to make good by this Standard as soon as possible to do so. We must have a Standard that is instructive alike from a breeding and exhibition point of view, one that will make a first prize specimen at our large exhibitions of equal value to us as a breeder. Let us make our Standard for this variety consistent with nature. An educational Standard, a Standard that the amateur can apply to his breeding as well as exhibition specimens. Every intelligent breeder of Columbian Wyandottes knows we must have color to breed color. Let us demand it in our Standard. If the breeders of this variety can keep the dark intensely colored specimen winning at our larger exhibitions for the next five years, a great educational work will be accomplished. The characteristics of the variety will become fixed and in future years it will be able to take care of itself.

To do this it is recommended that the more advanced breeders exhibit only such specimens as will be useful in inexperienced hands as breeders. Shape in the Columbian Wyandotte will largely take care of itself, as the amateur breeder and the judge have before them in the Standard and the best living specimens of the White Wyandotte, a type that will prove useful and desirable by Columbian Wyandotte breeders for some years to come. A trifle closer and shorter feathering is recommended. Keeping size, length, depth and bone fully up to present Standard requirements is all that is needed to make of the Columbian Wyandotte a world wide favorite.

J. W. Whitney.

Long Beach, Calif.

The Notorious Farce, Symmetry

Before starting on a short article on judging, allow me to make the prediction that there will never be "Uniform Judging" because no matter what the American Poultry Association or the School of Judges do, there are no two human brains exactly alike, and they will not think alike, no matter what you do to them. Two judges have had hold of my birds this winter. The scores ran quite close together all through, one of the judges remarking that he had never seen a more even lot of birds. Now, he was undoubtedly honest in his opinion; in my opinion there is more difference in the birds than either of the judges discovered. To illustrate, I think every specimen judged by either one was cut just one-half point on symmetry. Now, if I were judging this lot of birds, even if they are my own, I should make a difference of one-half to two points on symmetry, cutting some one-half, some one point, some one and a half and some as much as two points. I made this statement to one of the judges and his reply was, "Yes, but they don't do it that way." I see, "they don't," but I would, and I would be correct in it or else sym-

metry is a farce. The birds are not the same shape. They, therefore, are not alike and should not all be cut alike on this point. One of these judges thinks symmetry should be left in the Standard, the other thinks it should be dropped out. They both cut the same lot of birds exactly a half point each on symmetry, so it is no difference whether it is left out or in. Now, I want to fire one at the Editor. On page 82 March P. F. in answering the questions of an inquirer on combs, he gives illustrations of how some of the cuts are made on combs. I want to say that if the same principles are carried on in all sections of the bird, there is not a parti-colored specimen in the United States that would score 70 points. I have seen combs cut three points that if the same severity was used in symmetry would result in a cut of five points on symmetry. But, in an experience of over 25 years, I have never seen a bird cut any amount for symmetry except either one point or a half point. A Cochin may look like a Langshan or a Brahma, he gets the one or the half point cut just the same. Now, for legs and toes. I have 81 score cards by these two

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judges; 24 birds were not cut at all on legs and toes. Think of it! Partridge Cochins! 24 out of 81 not cut at all on legs and toes. But, do not think for one minute their legs are all alike. Not at all; 53 were cut just one-half each on color of legs and toes; not at all on shape. Aren't these wonderful birds? Just three were cut one-fourth each on color of legs and toes; nothing on shape. One solitary bird was cut one-half point on shape, the only one in the lot. I don't know what was the matter with her; good as any as far as I can see. Now, if any of your readers think my birds are as near perfect on symmetry and legs and toes as these cuts would indicate, I want to disabuse their minds of that idea right now before I forget it. I believe I have as good shape and color and leg and toe feathering as most breeders of Partridge Cochins, but when I score them they don't get off so easy. I write this letter to show the uniformity of judging. There is such a thing as having too much uniformity.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP IN A SPECIALTY CLUB.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER.—A good many breeders are under the impression that club membership does not pay a breeder.

The impression is a very wrong one. That the clubs are good things all are agreed—they stimulate interest in the breed, advertise its merits and keep the breed before the public. Then the clubs bring breeders together and through the club catalogs the members get a better idea of the shape and color ideals of the breed and the breeders are helped as well as the breed.

More than that, membership in the club is a guarantee of square dealing. The club is a protection to all breeders and buyers of the variety.

For example. Some time since an advertisement appeared in one of the magazines offering twelve S. C. Black Orpingtons, winners at last Madison Square show at \$3 and \$5 each. As secretary of the club I at once wrote the party, offering to buy the entire lot of birds at the price but told him I would expect him to deliver the birds as advertised and I would expect these winners at Madison Square. I told him I would recognize these birds as they had been sold within two years at prices per bird far greater than he wanted for the lot. I presumed he must have bought these blue winners of some eight different persons and I was at a loss to know how he could afford to sell birds at \$3 and \$5 each that I knew cost their owners many times that amount for single birds.

The gentleman wrote back that he had no winners at Madison Square, but he had bought eggs from parties who had won at Madison Square!

The gentleman of course agreed to change the wording of his advertisement so as to avoid misunderstanding.

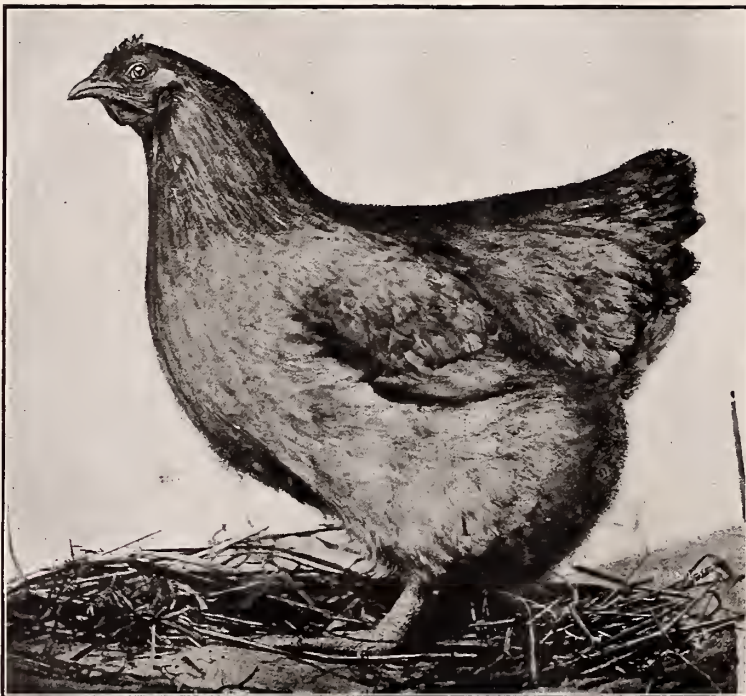
The club then is of value because it admits to membership none but men who deal squarely and one who is proven dishonest is at once dropped from the club.

Membership is a guarantee of high integrity, and it is a protection also to buyers as well as a recommendation for sellers. In this one thing the club justifies itself.

It is worth \$1 a year to any breeder to have his name appear in the club directory.

The fellow who cannot spare \$1 a year to help advertise his breed either lacks enterprise and public spirit or he wants the other fellow to plant while he sows. Every variety should be advertised in the poultry magazines, and every breeder should help pay the bills.

MILTON W. BROWN,
Secretary-Treasurer National
S. C. Black Orpington Club.



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The bird shown above was second at Chicago, January, 1908. She was bred and is owned by S. D. Lapham, Box F., Dearborn, Mich. Mr. Lapham has for years been a leader in Buff Rocks. He is at present offering a few hundred of his choicest breeding birds at prices far below their real value.

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NEWS OF POULTRY SHOWS & SPECIALTY CLUBS

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COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTE CLUB CATALOG.

The annual catalog of the National Columbian Wyandotte Club is being mailed to members and other interested parties. It contains several articles on Columbian Wyandottes that will make interesting reading for breeders of this variety. A copy of the book may be obtained free by writing to Geo. F. Eastman, Secretary-Treasurer, Granby, Mass.

* * SKEDADDLE TO SCHENECTADY.

The above slogan was adopted by the Board of Trade of Schenectady, N. Y., to boom the busiest, healthiest and most

prosperous city in New York state. The Electric City Poultry and Pet Stock Association of this thriving city will hold their ninth annual show December 14th to 18th, 1909, and extends to their brother fanciers an invitation to skedaddle to Schenectady with their best birds and be with us during our show.

The Schenectady show is one of the most prominent shows held in the state of New York, and numbers among its exhibitors the largest and best breeders in the country, and to win the blue ribbon at Schenectady you must show something that is first class and good enough to win anywhere.

In the number of entries our show compares very favorably with the largest. We have from fifteen to eighteen hundred

birds on exhibition; the classes in the popular varieties are always large and competition very strong.

Drop a line to the secretary, I. L. Whitmyre, who will be pleased to send you a premium list about November 1st, 1909.

* * TOLEDO, OHIO.

At the recent annual meeting of the Tri-State Poultry and Pet Stock Club of Toledo the following officers were elected: President, Andy Smith; vice-presidents, G. J. Weissenberger and Wm. Cloud; treasurer, Wm. Parker; secretary, Frank W. Hoff.

The above officers with Geo. Felt, F. W. Weissenberger and Henry Wersell constitute the executive committee. Mr. Felt was chosen as superintendent of the next show and this assures all breeders that their birds will have just as good if not better care than they would receive at home, as there are few men better posted on how to conduct a show or how to take care of the stock in the show room.

Since the reorganization three meetings have been held and the club has grown from about six members to thirty-five in three weeks and with the enthusiasm shown it will not be long before the membership will be 100.

The next show will be held Jan. 24th to 31st, 1910, and the club has been successful in closing with Mr. Sharp Butterfield and Mr. John W. Mulnix to do the judging. We invite all breeders to exhibit with us and assure them that we will make every inducement to have them return another year.

Frank W. Hoff, Secretary.

* * MANSFIELD, OHIO.

The dates of the next Mansfield show are December 6th to 11th. Chas. McClave has been secured as judge and S. F. Ottinger is secretary for the coming season.

* * TENNESSEE STATE FAIR SHOW.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show will be held at Nashville, Tenn., September 20th to 25th, 1909. This show needs no introduction to the poultry breeders of America, for it is conceded by exhibitors and judges to be one of the greatest shows in the country. Over 3,500 birds were entered last year from over 30 different states. It is the south's greatest show and as a market place for fancy poultry has not an equal in America. The poultry show at the Tennessee State Fair is one of the biggest attractions at this exposition. For entry blanks and premium list, address Jno A. Murkin, manager, Nashville, Tenn.

* * WALLA WALLA, WASH.

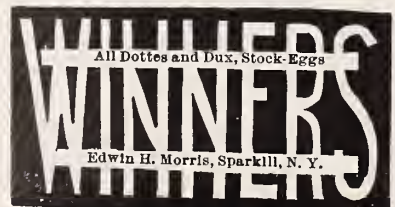
The tenth annual exhibition of the Walla Walla Poultry Association will be held January 17th to 22nd. Breeders in the northwest should not fail to put this show on their list. Write to H. Dickinson, secretary-treasurer, 313 E. Oak St., Walla Walla, Wash., and he will send you premium list and full information in due time. The judges will be H. H. Collier and Will Purdy.



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I am offering a number of fine breeding trios in buff and black Orpingtons, at \$5, \$8 and \$10 per trio. All with prize-winning ancestors. Healthy vigorous, and many that will make 1909-1910 prize winners. As we have a number of promising chicks coming on can offer these at much less than their real value, and will ship subject to approval, C. O. D., if sufficient amount is remitted to cover express charges. This is a real bargain and should be taken advantage of at once.

E. M. Long.

Box P F, Osceola, Ind.

We are now making big cuts in prices on stock and eggs of our Light Brahmas, Pekin Ducks, White China geese and White Holland turkeys. We would like to correspond with anyone who is in need of anything in these breeds, as we are in position to give some of the biggest bargains ever offered in these varieties.

F. C. Greenwald.

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I have fifty Barred Rock hens for sale at \$18 per dozen; also 25 White Wyandottes at \$1.50 each. I have males of either variety at \$3.00 each. All of these birds are first-class breeding stock and will bring twice these prices next fall. They are genuine bargains.

D. T. Heimlich.

Jacksonville, Ill.

I am now offering eggs at half price from Lapham's Gold Medal Strain of Buff

Plymouth Rocks, which are acknowledged leaders. The prices now are \$2.50 and \$1.50 per 15. Will also book a few orders for incubator lots at \$7 per hundred. I have 25 yearling cocks and 300 yearling hens, the best that money can buy and will sell these cheap to make room for growing chicks. Handsome illustrated catalog free. Send me an order and you will be more than pleased.

S. D. Lapham.

Dearborn, Mich., Box F.

We have about 60 S. C. White Leghorn hens for sale, prize winners included. We must sell as we must have the room for young stock. If you are looking for something to produce winners, here is your chance to get our famous birds at your price. Write at once.

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I need room badly for my young stock and am offering some of my best breeding birds at \$1.50 and \$1.75 each. These prices are made only for immediate sale. Act quickly if you want something good. My birds are Chicago and Elgin winners.

C. F. Livingstone.

Carpentersville, Ill.

Owing to the loss of a member of my family I am compelled to give up housekeeping and offer for sale my entire stock of Silver Penciled Wyandottes, consisting of one cock, two cockerels, eight hens and ten pullets and about 50 chicks.

This includes most of my winners the past winter with scores of from 90 to 94 points. This stock is in good condition and will be sold at less than what three birds in the lot cost me.

N. R. Nye.

Leavenworth, Kan.

I am offering for sale at the present time some of my very choicest breeding birds at special prices and will send them on approval. I breed Buff Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons and Buff Rocks. My birds have been winners at Cleveland, Lorain and Berea.

Fred A. Poertner.

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I will now offer some of my breeding cocks for sale at from \$5 to \$10 and \$15 each, according to quality. Light Brahmas and Barred Plymouth Rocks. This is a chance to get a State Fair winner. I also have some first-class females at \$2.50 to \$5.00 each.

L. H. Jostes.

Macon, Ill., R. R. 2.

To those who are interested in strictly high class Barred Rocks, I wish to say that I am selling eggs for hatching from the finest lot of breeding birds I ever owned, and have reduced the price to \$2.00 per 15 for the balance of the season.

I also have for sale one first class pullet bred cock bird, which I will sell for \$3.00. I have used this bird to breed from and know that he is a bargain at this price. I also have two dozen splendid breeding females which I will sell at \$1.50 each. These are first class birds, bred from my best lines. This offer is a splendid opportunity to get a start in high class stock at small expense, considering quality.

Sandstone, Minn.

A. S. Webb.

WILFUL PREJUDICE AGAINST SCORE CARD JUDGING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

I have been much interested in the comments in POULTRY FANCIER on the subject of Uniform Judging. I am not a poultry judge and have been in the business for only seven years. I, therefore, may not know much about the matter, but I think that some of the differences in score cards are caused by the fact that some of the judges try to discourage the use of the score card system by making it as much of a farce as possible. According to the Standard, however, in judging by comparison it is necessary for the judge to really score each section in his mind's eye and go through the birds just as though he was using the score card system, but this is not always done. I have seen judges take a bird out of the coop and give the shape and color cuts without taking the bird out of their hands. I do not see how shape can be given proper consideration in this way. Shape and color should both be given full consideration and the American Poultry Association ought to take some action which would insure justice being rendered. There will perhaps always be slight differences of opinion in judging birds and the Standard will always contain a few errors or points which are not made perfectly clear, but a great deal of trouble is caused by judges themselves taking too much liberty in carrying out their ideas. In many cases judges give the same consideration to black bars in Barred Rocks as they do to blue ones and in Partridge Wyandottes black penciling is given the same value as a dark red.

J. S. Nichols.

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Answers to Questions

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Question—One of the greatest difficulties experienced at the present time, in breeding successfully the breed in which I am interested, is the trouble of the comb on both cockerels and pullets becoming too beefy, and not a fine comb, as called for by the Standard. I have had the matter up with several of the most prominent breeders and they invariably reply that they are now reducing the comb in "their" strains, and have it practically down to what the Standard calls for, etc., etc., but I note in the photos taken from life and the birds themselves on exhibition at some of the leading shows this excessive meaty comb still prevails. For the information of myself as well as other breeders, will you kindly advise how young stock should be fed to hold the growth of comb back? It is almost a necessity to supply young cockerels and pullets with meat when forcing them for show condition. Does this affect the comb growth materially? Will keeping the cockerels separate from the pullets or females assist in reducing size of comb? Any information you can give on this subject will be greatly appreciated.

Answer—Many breeders are inclined to make all sorts of claims, but when it becomes necessary to produce the evidence, they are unable to do it. There are lots of birds of your breed with fairly low combs, but this feature is exactly like any other characteristic of the breed. It must be bred into the flock. The kind of feed given to the birds has so little effect in the way you suggest that it is not worth considering. There is nothing whatever to be gained by regulating the food supply with a view to holding back the size of the comb. The only way to accomplish the result you are after is to breed from low-combed birds each season until you get the characteristic established in your fowls.

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Question—I have fifteen pullets and a cockerel which I am sure I feed and care for properly, but I am having trouble with them in this way: Six of the pullets have all the feathers off their neck for about three inches down from the top of the heads. The birds seem to fight all the time, just like male birds, and nearly all of them have most of the feathers torn from their backs. I will be very thankful for information regarding the trouble and a remedy for it.

Answer—There may be no special trouble with your birds, as they are perhaps merely moulting in the regular way. The attentions of the male bird in the breeding pen will always result in a loss of some of the neck feathers on the females, as well as feathers in the back. We presume that this is the condition with your birds. In regard to neck plumage, however, it may be possible that one or two of the birds have contracted the habit of feather eating. You can readily ascertain by watching the birds whether or not this is the case. If it is you should discover which birds do the mischief and remove them from the pen. It would be well to anoint the necks of the birds with carbolated vasoline every day or two for a while.

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Question—What results can be expected from mating cockerels with pullets; cockerels with hens, cocks with pullets and cocks with hens? Please give results as to size, vigor and general effects.

Answer—There is not the difference in the matings which you seem to believe. Better results will generally be secured by mating a cock with pullets and a cockerel with hens. There is really no difference in any of the matings you mention, provided the birds are all vigorous, healthy and well matured specimens. A well matured cockerel mated with hens is an excellent mating and a two-year-old cock bird with yearling hens is also very desirable. If young birds are mated together or if one side consists of young stock the eggs will not show so large a

percentage of fertility and the chicks will not be exceptionally strong and vigorous unless the birds are active and vigorous and at least ten months old.

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Question—I would like to ask for a reliable way of preserving eggs for winter. I have used salt, but I understand that there is another and better way called the water glass method. Can you tell me what it is and what months eggs should be used? One of my hens has laid an egg $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches in circumference lengthwise and $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches the short way around. The egg was full and upon opening it, I found another regularly developed egg inside with a complete shell. In other words, there was an egg within an egg. Has this ever occurred, to your knowledge, and if so, what is the cause?

Answer—Careful tests have been made with various compounds, and Water Glass has in each case proven most satisfactory. It is also called Soluble Glass. The chemical name is silicate of sodium or silicate of potassium. It can be purchased at any drug store, and costs about 50c per gallon, which is sufficient to preserve 50 dozen eggs. To one quart of Water Glass add ten quarts of water. It is best to use water that has been boiled and is perfectly clean. The eggs should be wiped clean, but should not be washed. Earthenware jars are best for storing the eggs, which should be entirely submerged in the liquid. If wooden barrels or kegs are used, see that they are first thoroughly scalded with boiling water. The egg which you say one of your hens laid is an exceptional one, but cases of this kind sometimes occur. It is caused by the first egg remaining in the hen long enough in a certain location where another coating of albumen and shell forms from it.

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Question—I would like to know what price a beginner should place upon his stock. Last fall I sold my surplus birds to a breeder at \$2.00 each. He kept ordering them until he took all I had. He, no doubt, sold them for a much larger price. I will have considerable stock for sale this season and would like to get all that they are worth.

Answer—The price which any breeder can get for his stock depends first, upon the quality and then upon his ability to find customers. A breeder may have birds in his yards which would win at the largest shows, but he could not sell them for more than the market price per pound unless he let the buying public know that he had them and unless he proved their quality. A breeder who exhibits his stock and is successful in winning at the

shows will find that a certain amount of business will come to him at fair prices through the advertising he gets in this way. He can make many more sales and get much higher prices if, in addition to winning at the shows, he will advertise in one or more good poultry journals. It is hardly necessary for us to call attention to the fact that the breeders who do the most business and who secure the highest prices are the largest exhibitors and advertisers. The breeder who has been in business for several years and who has built up a reputation through exhibiting and advertising, can get much higher prices for the same quality of stock than can some unknown breeder. You will have to dispose of your stock at whatever prices you can secure around home, but you can work your business up by following the above suggestions.

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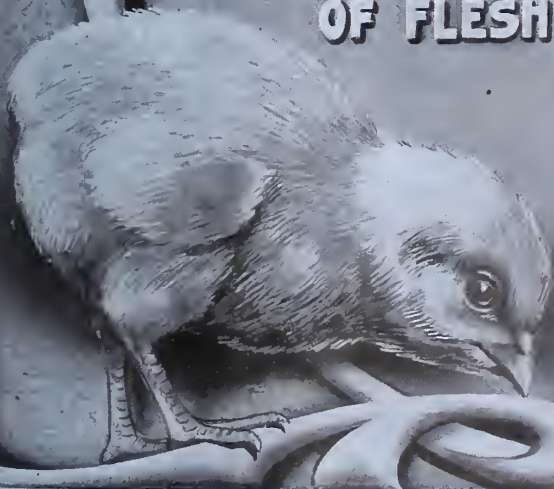
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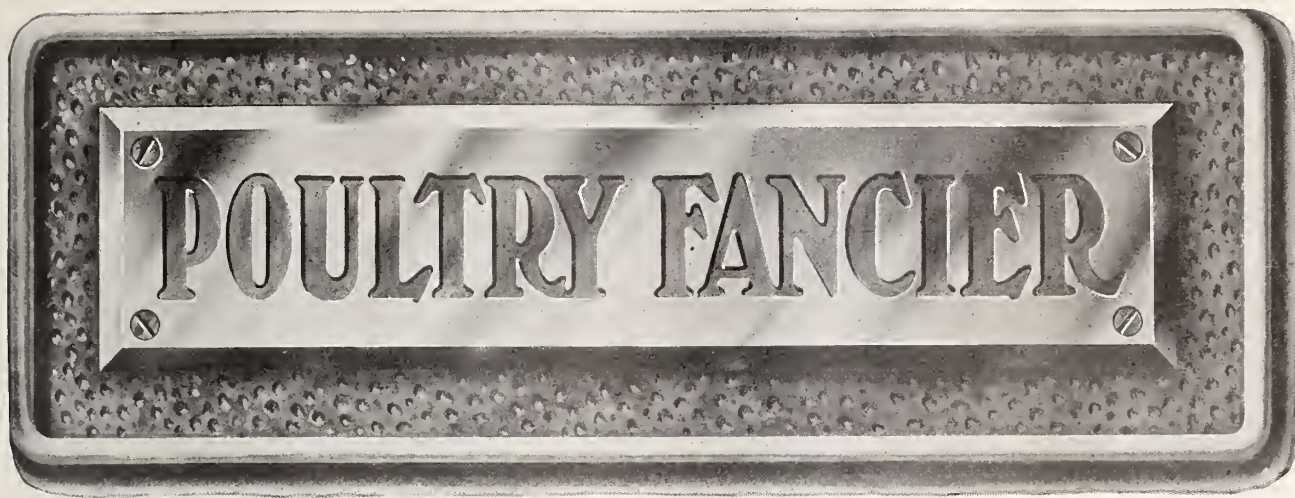
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Evidence for the Single Mating System

A Veteran Breeder and Fancier Supports Mr. Whitney and Calls Attention to Abundant Evidence That Double Mating is Wrong

By W. H. CARD



R. WHITNEY of single mating fame needs no champion, he seems well able to take care of himself, yet in the June number of the Poultry Fancier, the editor asks the question, is he right or not? SURE, he's right, no mistake about that. Twenty-five years of breeding, showing and mating has proved to me without a shadow of doubt that scientifically, in the larger sense, that single mating is the only sure, safe and sane way to perpetuate any breed in all of its highest attributes as a breed, and in support of my contention I can most emphatically deal in facts first hand, proven and re-proven; not having to wave the airy fairy hand of supreme egotism nor use the lance of ridicule or sarcasm to annihilate the opposition; therefore I rally to the support of Mr. Whitney with this declaration: that single mating is "The Science" and double mating but an offshoot. By double mating, the law, of "like begets like" is abnegated; nature is perverted into a science only so far as it concerns its own small orbit of perversion; that double mating has its place and is necessary with Barred Rocks and Brown Leghorns at the present stage of the game, I do not doubt and commercialism, not fancierism, is the keynote to that selfsame situation. The Almighty has no commercial interests at stake and in His most infinite wisdom breeds and controls the wild birds of forest and air by single mating with results far beyond any comparison to equal in true markings and type, and man's best efforts with the majority of domestic breeds has been along those lines with ample proof in sight.

One Barred Rock breeder flaunts the thought that God Almighty never made Barred Rocks; which perhaps is the reason that they are so devilish hard to breed and many an amateur or beginner can easily imagine that those bars are the brand mark of the red-hot trident of his Satanic Majesty.

Double mating is admittedly a "short cut," but none but the skilled and well drilled can successfully tread that path; in fact it is the primrose path in breeding that leads to nowhere in the land of Real Science. The best Brown Leghorn cockerel at New York mated to the best Brown Leghorn female would not produce winners in both sexes. Fluffy Ruffles mated to Hawkins' best cockerel could not be depended upon to reproduce anything equal to themselves; but a breed skillfully line-bred by single mating can produce and re-produce males and females exact of its kind and can be depended upon to do so in numbers better than 90 per cent; prepotent always to obey the law of like begets like, whether out-bred or in-bred, proof a-plenty that single mating is "The Science." It is the science used by that breeder of Light Brahmas who at the last Madison Square Garden Show won more premiums on his birds than all the rest of the exhibitors of that breed put together. The Partridge and White Cochins at the same show were better than the world ever saw before and their only claim is single mating; the premier White Rocks at Boston ask no greater honor than to be known as bred from single matings; the first pen of as grand a lot of White Wyandottes as ever was shown are from single mating; New England's best Buff Wyandottes lay claim to the same methods; that grand exhibit of Polish in 1908 at Meriden, Conn., in which 248 Polish were shown, all attribute their grand show qualities to skillful line-breeding by the single mating method. Delve into the methods of the best breeders of Black Breasted Red Games or of any exhibition games; White Faced Black Spanish; Cornish fowls of whatever variety; Seabright bantams, and hosts

of others and you find with proof positive that single mating is their slogan.

Single mating, even of that extreme of using one female and one male of high show qualities, will produce show birds of both sexes, (not a single lone phenomenon; because a phenomenon is, according to Webster, "an appearance whose cause is not immediately obvious"); in numbers which well establishes the law of like begets like.

In this connection I have in mind one breed where in 1908 the owner bred from one cock and two hens (full sisters) and raised from one setting of 15 eggs, 14 chickens; 6 cockerels and 8 pullets, every bird of both sexes far better than the average show birds of that breed, the parents being from stock bred 15 years in line by single mating without the introduction of any new blood in all that time, with stamina, size and brilliancy of plumage unimpaired; to be sure, some phenomenon might appear (notice I say phenomenon, see Webster) which would defeat any one of the above mentioned; yet no double mating breeder can produce 25 males and 25 females from one mating of either side that could begin to compete with 25 males and 25 females from line-bred, single mating breeds and they would have to do some tall hustling and have a big flock to glean over to even get a look in if they used both matings in the competition. It is a pertinent question. Why do the Barred Rock breeders of any prominence scour the small shows in search of phenomena for Madison Square if they can produce them in quantities? Do the Brahma, Cochín, Polish, or any of the breeders I have mentioned, perform this stunt? Well, hardly; they don't have to; they breed 'em! "One swallow does not make a summer," neither

does a phenomenon make a breed; it's the high standard of the rank and file that makes any breed, variety or strain worthy of consideration by the buying public or thinking fanciers. I don't wish to pose as entirely antagonistic to the methods of the Barred Rock or Brown Leghorn breeders (the only two breeds really successful with double mating) there is much to be said in their favor. Of Barred Rocks, no harder breed exists and for them I can see hopes of their eventually becoming a single mating breed and I venture to prophesy that it will come from the cockerel side. Of the Brown Leghorns; to breed them otherwise than by double mating would be to spoil them; exactly as they are bred today they are the most beautiful of breeds in rich coloring and artistic markings and be it far from me to do anything to destroy those works of art as seen today in the brilliant colored male and that most beautiful soft shaded female and I delight to honor men and women that can produce such birds even if their methods with their breeds are opposite to my methods with my breeds. There is no denying the fact commercially they are the leaders; yet in an argument of the science of breeding the testimony of dollars and cents should be stricken out; even if allowed to remain as evidence there are traits in human nature accountable for this fact which would easily nullify its weight in argument and so at present I shall desist, making the gist of this article a protest against their telling we'uns, of single mating, how to breed our breeds, leaving them to their own devices with their favorites until the scales fall from their eyes, whereas once they saw darkly then will they see clearly as without a veil.

Manchester, Conn.

The Location of the Poultry House

A Few Pointers on Location and Some Ideas on Details of Construction

By A. G. SYMONDS

NO matter how good a house one builds if the location is poor the house is undesirable. The location of the poultry house is most essential, for if the house is built on level land, grade enough should be removed around the building to allow good drainage. A knoll slight rise in the ground furnishes the best location for a poultry house. If there is a clump of pine, spruce or hemlock at the north and west of the building it will protect it from the cold winds. A hedge can be set out and in a few years will be large enough to shut off the cold blasts.

The sills of the house should be at least one foot from the ground and the space below the sills boarded in, having the boards come to the top of the sills to keep them from decaying by coming in contact with the earth, which should be filled in as high as the sills not later than August, that it may be thoroughly dried out before winter. Most any kind of soil may be used; a coarse sand or fine gravel is preferable.

Houses may be made any size or shape to suit the builder. Some prefer a double roof, others a single roof. Both have their advantages. The most common is a house built 10 to 12 feet in width, 4 to 5 feet in

rear and 8 to 9 feet in front with shed roof. One window or two half windows should be used to every ten feet of length. Houses should always face the south. Open front scratching sheds should be supplied to every closed building or windows should be removed all the sunny days in winter, during four or five hours of the middle part of each day.

Never close a building absolutely tight, but always leave a window raised an inch or two for ventilation. All closed buildings should be thoroughly aired as well as dried out during the warm days of winter.

The sills of the house may be of 2x4, but 4x4 is preferable. The framework: uprights, plates, rafters, may be 2x4. Pine, spruce or hemlock lumber is suitable. Square edged boards, pine or hemlock, should be used, for, if paper is used to cover the building, a smoother surface is thus obtained. A cheap building paper or tarred paper may be covered with shingles which, if kept whitewashed, will be more durable than any other covering except clapboards. There are several good roofing papers on the market that may be used, but they should be painted every year or two to make them last.

Board floors are objectionable for many reasons and should not be used where dirt floors can be provided. Some poultrymen prefer the cheapest kind of lumber for their poultry houses.

A successful poultryman of my acquaintance built his first houses of fence boards, some of which had

seen years of service and were thin and weather beaten. For framework he used dead pine poles three or four inches in diameter. The sides and rear were double boarded while the roof was covered with a roofing paper.

These houses are still in use after twelve years of service while other more expensive houses have been built but this poultryman contends that the fence board houses produce the best results.

Contoocook, N. H.

An Appeal to Minorca Breeders

One of the Leaders in This Variety Points Out the Danger in Dropping Disqualifications and Asks That Other Breeders Write Him—What Causes White in Black Fowls

By LLOYD C. MISHLER

I WAS certainly surprised upon receiving notice that the revision committee had advised the dropping of all disqualifications except those concerning a few natural deformities.

We feel that this is one of the worst suggestions that the committee has made and that it will meet with the disapproval of most breeders who have the welfare of their varieties and permanent business at heart.

At present in most breeds required to have white ear-lobes red covering one third or more of the surface disqualifies. Today any amateur breeder after reading that section knows enough to discard a bird showing this defect. Any one who has had years of experience as a breeder will not use such a bird, unless he knows the defect was caused by accident, for it is sure to spoil many an otherwise good bird in future generations. But there are many breeders who would be tempted to send out specimens showing this defect and it would not take long to contaminate the flock of every amateur breeder in America.

Another disqualification which applies to Black Minorcas and all black fowls is "Pure white in any part of plumage extending more than one-half inch, or two or more feathers tipped or edged with positive white." Now what is the use of considering a black bird which has any white in it at all. Careful investigation of flocks and individuals of black fowls leads me to the conclusion that the most common causes of white feathers are poor feed, poor care, lousiness, etc., in short anything which will cause a weakened condition of the blood and system. Let this condition continue for two or three generations and the weakened condition becomes set in the system, the poor color, hereditary. Another cause of these white feathers is a natural reversion termed albinism, but this seldom occurs. Any one who breeds from such birds will sooner or later ruin his flock. The only excuse for using a bird with a white feather while it is in the prime of life is when such off-color is caused by an accidental external injury. Red and silvery white are sometimes found in the males of nearly every black fowl. These are clearly a reversion and a bird with this defect will transmit it more readily than a bird with white feathers will transmit white. Almost always the male with red in hackle is one which otherwise is one of the best in the flock, especially in sheen. Hence the inexperienced breeder is all the more

liable to use it. Now for the sake of keeping our black fowls in sturdy condition and up to the present standard of excellence why not make the disqualification clause concerning color on black fowls more severe if any change is made? Why not make this section read "Pure white, red, or silvery white in any part of the plumage" shall disqualify fowls required to have pure black plumage?

There is just as good argument in favor of nearly every one of the present disqualification clauses concerning white in the face, combs having side sprigs, or rose combs hanging to one side, etc. We should not breed from such birds; then why let them be considered at all in the show room?

True not many of the birds possessing what are now standard disqualifications would win first or even second places under the "new order of things" as recommended by the revision committee, but they will more than likely receive favorable consideration in many of the smaller shows and be more of a temptation than ever for their owners to use them. If they cannot win what is the use of their owners wasting their money on entry fees? The experienced breeders will not make this mistake, but the amateurs will, even though they have a standard. It means more money for the show but less average quality. Do the show associations want this or do the "judges" who are trying to force this onto the breeders expect indirectly to get more pay? What valid reasons have the revision committee for making such recommendations. So far I have seen no arguments in favor of them.

Surely it is easier to produce a larger per cent of birds free from disqualifications now than it was five or ten years ago. If not, what is the use of trying to breed up to any written standard? If so then the disqualifying clauses as they now stand affect us less than formerly. Then why not make them more stringent if any change is made?

Judges, do you want the work, you are expected to do, such that you can give the highest possible satisfaction; such that you and all the exhibitors can feel that you have done your duty? Then why not have more of these "hard and fast" rules in the way of disqualifications and put down in positive terms so that any one who can read can understand? The committee recommends a "sliding" scale of cutting for defects in place of these disqualifications, but as soon as you start to cutting for serious defects breeders will disagree on the amount to cut, complications will arise, dissatisfaction will result. The hope of more uniformity in judging will receive the hardest blow it has ever received. You know the average exhibitor has respect for what he can see in black and white, the "written law", but very little for him who applies the "unwritten law."

Breeders, suppose you allow these recommendations of the committee to pass. Will you be tempted to part with those birds which before would have

been disqualified at fairly good prices just because you can and the standard permits? You say "NO." Oh, yes, but some will. The result: New breeders will be discouraged when they find out how they have been led astray, it will in a few years be detrimental to the fancy poultry business and all breeders will be affected, no difference what their variety. Is not our plea, "Better poultry and more of it?" Then let a "cull" be a "cull" and disqualify it. It's looking for an axe, not a ribbon.

Let every breeder of fancy poultry and every member of the American Poultry Association who has the welfare of his variety at heart write to some member of the revision committee or your branch

representative protesting against their recommendations and let them know that they are in honor bound to reconsider the matter.

I want every breeder of Minorcas in the United States or Canada who is enough interested in the welfare of our favorites, and every one should be, to send me a letter stating your position on the subject and reasons, addressing it to North Manchester, Ind., so that it reaches me by August 5th and I will see that it is placed before the proper officers as argument. The more argument the better. Play "first fiddle" while you have a chance, for the time is short.

North Manchester, Ind.

Suggestions for a Red Standard

A Leading Eastern Breeder Calls Attention to the Results of Various Matings and the Necessity of Keeping the Breed in a Class by Itself

By E. L. PRICKETT



POULTRY journals are being supplied pretty liberally with articles on R. I. Reds, what they have been, what they are and what they should be. Just at present all sorts of suggestions are being offered as to what they should be, and the strange part of it is that some of these suggestions are coming from poultry fanciers who never bred or owned a R. I. Red.

One of these gentlemen suggests that we eliminate the black entirely and make a red bird from tip to tip. This suggestion should be made to Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock fanciers, for it would add a variety to their breeds.

Another of these advisers suggests that instead of eliminating the black in tail and wings, and ticking in hackle, that the ticking be intensified to a striping for both male and female, but he has made his suggestions for the wrong breed. That is a point for the breeders of Columbian Rocks and Dottes to consider, thus we will soon have Red Rocks and Dottes and Red Columbian Rocks and Dottes.

One of the questions now under consideration is the elimination of ticking in the female's hackle. There are good arguments for both sides of this question. To retain it, adds somewhat to the beauty and is one of the distinguishing marks from Rocks and Dottes, at the same time it is detrimental for breeding males without the ticking or free from black or smut in the undercolor of hackle. We can make a standard mating and most of the females will have ticking and some of the males will be free from it, but most of the males will have defective hackles.

If we wish a good percentage of our males with good hackles, then we must eliminate ticking in females or resort to double matings, using males and females free from ticking to get standard hackles in males and either mating a male free from it to a female having it or a male having it to a female without it to produce females having ticking.

Our Standard calls for a wing having the lower web black and upper web red for primaries and the

reverse for secondaries. Did anyone ever see just such a wing? Hasn't there always been a red edging on both primaries, and especially secondaries, unless the black extended on the other side of the quill?

We all know the effect of having black on the wrong side of the quill, viz., the objectionable smut and peppering in the wing bows and wing coverts, and is there anything that spoils the outward appearance of a male more than peppering in wing coverts. I believe the A. P. A. Standard is still wrong in specifying wing coverts red for males and black for females. The correction was made in males but not in females.

The Standard demands a black tail for females. Do we find them on good colored specimens? Don't the best colored birds have tails that are red at the base and blend into black towards the tip, say one-third red and two-thirds black? Aren't the females that have these black tails light colored birds, and aren't they "smoky" at the base of tail? Do they produce your rich colored males?

One other matter for consideration is the weights: why should there be 1½ pounds between pullet and hen and only 1 pound between hen and cockerel, and cockerel and cock.

My own choice on these matters is, males with good, sound, red hackles free from ticking, smut or white. In order to get this without double matings, practically eliminate ticking in female hackle, especially avoid lacing or heavy ticking.

Have the Standard specify lower web of primaries and upper web of secondaries, black with red edging.

Base of main tail feathers in female red blending into black for upper two-thirds length.

Weight for cock 8 pounds, cockerel 7 pounds, hen 6 pounds, pullet 5 pounds.

We must breed for a certain amount of black in tails and wings to avoid making our breed simply another variety of Rocks and Dottes, and at the same time keep hackles of our males solid red to avoid making our breed a Red variety of Columbian Rocks and Dottes. There is a danger point at which we must stop in the matter of the amount of black allowable in the color of R. I. Reds, and if we go beyond this point we will get it in breast, thighs, shoulders and other sections which is much more objectionable than not having enough in wings and tail.

Valley Falls, N. Y.

Proper Molting Means Much to Fanciers

What to Feed and What Not to Feed. Hints on General Care and Results of Improper Molting. Dangers of Forced Molting

By DR. W. R. FISHER

THE fancier and the poultryman look upon the molting of their fowls from very different standpoints. The man who raises chickens for market purposes regards the approach of the molt as a period of inactivity, when his hens lay very few eggs, and are apt to become objects of expense to him, instead of income. So it pays him best to kill off his two-year-olds as soon as they show signs of molting, to shorten the process of molting as far as he can in the birds that he intends to carry over to another year, and to force them to lay as many eggs as possible when the molt is over. He only has to consider the immediate profit. But to the fancier the molt is quite a different matter, and it brings him many a troublesome question to answer and decide upon. There is never a molt without the chance of disappointment to the fancier on account of changes in the plumage of his bird, and many a blue ribbon pullet and cockerel that have been looked upon as sure winners in the future have dashed all hopes when the new feathers have taken the places of the old; for this is the time when the slips and crooks of uncertain ancestry are apt to show themselves. In truth, the fancier ought to keep the molt and its consequences before his mind, even when he mates his birds in the breeding pen, before the eggs are laid from which he expects to hatch his chicks. For the requirements of our artificial standard and the varying dates of our poultry shows, ranging as they do over a period of six months, compel him if he intends to show in many places, to vary his times of hatching so as to have his birds in prime condition at the proper dates. And when he varies his times for hatching he varies his times for molting also. In the natural course of events, it is intended that the molt should take place during the warm season of the year and terminate in time for a complete renewal of the feathers before cold weather sets in. But this cannot be looked for when birds have been hatched out in mid-winter or in late summer, in order to get exhibition birds for the early shows in September and October, or the late winter shows. Birds that have been hatched out of season often show irregularities in molting. The early-hatched bird may be expected to molt early, and this is often very satisfactory; but, sometimes, the early molt is not complete, and a second one takes place in mid-winter, which is not at all satisfactory, but often decidedly dangerous. On the other hand, the late hatched bird is apt to molt late in the autumn or the beginning of winter, and in the case of a female that often means an absence of eggs until spring—a serious drawback, sometimes, if eggs are desired from that particular bird for breeding purposes. Such are some of the trials connected with the molt, that arise out of our artificial methods of breeding, and fanciers very often try to antagonize them as far as they can. They are

able to do this with better success when the molt inclines to come on too late in the season than when it comes too early. They can very often hasten and shorten the molt to a considerable degree by penning up the birds and cutting down their food so that they lose from twenty to twenty-five per cent of their weight in the course of a couple of weeks. As soon as a sufficient reduction has been accomplished the daily ration is rapidly increased in amount, and a generous and varied diet is supplied, containing more than the usual proportion of animal food and the fat-producing elements. The general result of this method, subject, however, to exception in some instances, is to produce a rapid shedding and renewal of the feathers, so that the process of molting that might be protracted over three months of more, if left to natural conditions, may be terminated in four or five weeks—a gain in time that, under certain circumstances, may be of great value and importance. This "forcing of the molt" is quite generally used, but the practice has not received universal approval. There are some fanciers of note who regard such artificial interference with a natural function as decidedly objectionable. They claim that the natural process of molting tends to weaken and depress, more or less, all the birds as they pass through it, and that the use of methods that interrupt so radically the normal routine must add greatly to the debilitating influences. Undoubtedly, there are grounds for this opinion, for although the molt is a natural process, it nevertheless often brings disease and weakness in its train, and the forced molt is not a procedure that can be safely applied by a fancier to all his flock without due care and discrimination. Many a fowl dies in consequence of the molt, and many another is so weakened by it as to be worthless for the breeding pen. Poor feeding, close quarters, drafts, vermin, exposure to wet and cold, are some of the conditions that may turn a natural process into actual disease, and our main object in managing our molting birds should be the prevention of these avoidable causes of sickness. We should try to keep them from getting sick, rather than to look for medicines to cure them afterward. We should keep them in health and vigor by proper housing and feeding rather than depend on stimulating drugs to get them over the depressing effects of the molt. And the same may be said about special articles of food that are so frequently recommended to help on the formation of feathers, such as linseed meal, sunflower seeds and other things that contain a large amount of protein. Such materials are good, but only when given in moderation. Too much of any one of them may do much harm by upsetting the digestive organs of the birds. The diet that benefits the molting bird is one that is generous and abundant, containing a variety of ingredients. Give plenty of green food; give animal food in moderation, and give a mixture of many grains. If this is done, the birds will choose for themselves and select far better than we can do what is best for them to eat. They have their preferences in eating, just as human beings have, and there is no one system of diet that suits or is acceptable to all.

Swiftwater, Pa.

Red Breeders Kick Vigorously

Leading Breeders of Rhode Island Reds Have Made Use of the Columns of Poultry Fancier to Express Their Views on the Proposed Changes in the Red Standard—This Will Be One of the Liveliest Topics Discussed and Voted Upon at the A.P.A. Meeting Next Month and Thousands of Breeders are Interested

HON. C. M. BRYANT.

Changing the standard of the R. I. Reds is not only creating a great deal of interest, but also creating a great deal of indignation amongst fanciers of the R. I. Reds, who in the writer's opinion know what a R. I. Red should be. The standard of the R. I. Reds was revised and re-worded to suit the form of the American Poultry Association, at a meeting held at Rochester, N. Y., at the time the breed was admitted. At that time I was president of the R. I. Red Club of America, and was sent on to Rochester, by vote of the club, to have the breed admitted to the standard, and was assisted at that meeting by Messrs Lester Tompkins, Frank D. Reed and Daniel P. Shove, and we acted under instructions by vote of the club, after careful instructions by Dr. N. B. Aldrich of Fall River and Vernon P. Stafford, and it was the consensus of opinion of the promoters of the breed. Some of these, of course, who have passed away cannot now express their opinion, but those who are alive oppose any change in the Standard.

I was asked by a prominent breeder of R. I. Reds what I thought about the changes, and I stated that the elimination of the ticking in the hackle of the female would be a terrible mistake, allowing the tail feathers to have a tinge of brown at the base would be another, and allowing slate in the undercolor would be idiotic. The standard was made up to bring the birds to the very height of perfection, and of course every breeder of fowls knows that there has never been a bird that can score 100 points, and it was so compiled that they will have the goal always in view for reaching the perfection of the breed, not to deteriorate it.

Mrs. Frank Metcalf, the originator of the Buckeye Reds, admitted that she had derived some good qualities of the Buckeyes from a cross with the Rhode Island Reds. It has come to the writer's knowledge that the committee on revision have recommended the Buckeyes be dropped from the Standard. Now the breeders of the R. I. Reds who have bred them for the love of the breed, not for mercenary motives, have always insisted upon the solid red undercolor, and while the elimination of the Buckeye Reds from the Standard is not under discussion, and it may or may not be a wise thing to do, the transferring of some of the points, or one point in particular, which I am emphasizing; that is, the slate in the undercolor to the Standard of the R. I. Reds, is an extremely unwise one, and will do a great deal toward deteriorating a beautiful breed of fowl.

I am sure that the intelligent breeders of the R. I. Red, to a man, will do the same as I am doing—use every honorable method to prevent, if I may put it that way, a great catastrophe to the breed. The R. I. Reds at the present time have a show record unequalled, and the practical utility of the fowl is indisputable, and to those people who are recom-

mending any change in the standard I merely repeat to them the old adage, "It is much easier to tear down than to build up."

Wollaston, Mass.

IRVING A. SIBLEY.

I am opposed to taking off disqualifications as proposed by the revision committee.

I believe that some alterations might be made in the Standard of Rhode Island Reds, which would benefit the breed, but I do think that with one or two exceptions, the Standard cannot be improved.

In fact, the only change which I can think of which would, in my opinion, be a benefit would be the red edge to black on wing feathers. I think that this change should be made in the Standard, as I believe it to be a natural condition.

As to allowing any colored ear lobes, feathers on legs, etc., I think that we might just as well have no standard at all to breed to, and call any cross-bred fowl a Rhode Island Red.

I don't for one moment believe that the standard on Reds will be changed as suggested by the revision committee.

South Bend, Ind.

E. T. DE GRAFF.

I will say briefly that I am in favor of dropping these disqualifications which leave it to the discretion of the judge to decide as he chooses. I believe birds should be exhibited as near their natural condition as possible, and all defects cut for what they are worth, while too many disqualifications encourages expert faking, and there are getting to be too many artists in this line.

No Red breeder that has the future welfare of the breed at heart could say the Red Standard, as it now reads, is satisfactory, and I think many of the suggested changes are a great improvement, and will prevent many misunderstandings between purchaser and seller. I hope satisfactory illustrations will be adopted, as there has never been a cut shown that coincides with the wording of the Standard. I am in favor of a red Red, that will stay red, and the future of the breed demands this color, as the majority of breeders are down on the faded-out birds, after seeing what can be bred by proper mating. While I believe I can show more Red males entirely free from smut than any breeder on earth, still I believe too much importance has been given to it in judging, in the past, and I believe in the popular movement of letting the undercolor take care of itself, and would produce the ideal surface the best way you can, as is done in other breeds.

Amsterdam, N. Y.

PHILIP CASWELL.

I believe the A. P. A. could do no better than copy our Standard, as printed in Red Hen Tales. I have bred to this Standard nearly ten years and have found it very satisfactory. There are some difficult

features about it to breed to, such as keeping ticking in female neck and out of male neck, black in female wing and tail, but the principal objection to these seems to be this very difficulty in producing them. I have heard much complaint from the smaller breeders about these points, but the larger and older breeds seem to be satisfied with the Standard as it is, with the possible exception of one or two who buy more birds to sell again than they raise.

When a breed has been as fortunate as have the Reds to get a first-class Standard almost from the very beginning, it seems a shame to have it tampered with by a few "mixers" who do not know the breed any more than they know what they want. There are a few people in poultrydom, the same as there are in other lines, who have nothing else to do except to stir up trouble. If they can't do it with one breed, they will shoot at another. These people are good at setting their neighbors ill at ease, but I doubt if they will have any great influence upon the best breeders of Reds, no matter how drastic a change they may be able to work into the Red Standard, as published by the A. P. A. I am inclined to believe the old liners will plug right along the same as in the past and continue to produce the same fine line of specimens, according to the Club Standard.

Newport, R. I.

FRANK LANGFORD.

The proposed changes in the Red Standard strike me as being radical in the extreme. The breed has made such wonderful progress during the past few years that we must have had a pretty good kind of Standard.

Compare the high-class specimens that win in the big shows today with the ones that were winning five and six years ago; then you can realize the advancement that has been made. This is especially true of type and the uniform color one sees today.

When it comes to a change just now, it strikes me as being ill-timed. It must be remembered that the R. I. Reds are a new breed, from a fancier's point of view, and with a new Standard, comparatively speaking. To make changes at this time will cause breeders to begin to undo their work of years, and when this work is opened up, no one knows where it will end. To say the least, it is assuming a risk, an uncertainty. On the other hand, we are making progress as things are now, and if in time to come changes are deemed advisable, there will be time enough for them.

I believe this opinion is shared by many of the old breeders, men who have grown up with the breed and have known the Reds as utility fowls since their boyhood. This is surely worth consideration, when it is realized that these men have helped to make the Reds what they are today.

I do not think it necessary to mention the proposed changes in detail, but I do believe it will be impossible to breed good wing flights with these changes.

The Standard may be given clearer and more complete expression. This, with such drawings as the artist will make, will all work to the good of the breed.

The writer believes in progress as much as anyone, but with a great breed, a good Standard and the great progress made, does it not seem that we

should be content and let well enough alone, for the present, at least?

Nashville, Tenn.

DANIEL P. SHOVE.

I am opposed to any changes whatever in the new Standard for R. I. Reds, and I think that such action would be extremely unwise. It has taken many years to place the breed up to its present standard, therefore let us keep it where it is. Those who have the interests of the breed at heart do not desire any changes, and I trust that all true lovers and breeders will use their vote and their influence to keep the Standard as it is now.

Fall River, Mass.

B. H. SCRANTON.

As to the ticking in hackle of female, which is one of the most important changes under consideration, we have a Standard calling for black in the wing flights, and according to nature, in all breeds with wing lacing we find more or less black in hackle, and from my experience we cannot get a well-marked wing and have a clear hackle. With the black eliminated from hackle, we will be farther away from that good wing we have all been trying to produce. I think, also, that the female is much more handsome with some hackle marking. True, I do not like it in male, but I believe by careful mating we can have a large per cent of males that will show no ticking, or at least no more than a slight shading, and this by single-mating. As to wing, I am in favor of allowing a slight edging of red, instead of a solid black web, in both primary and secondary feathers, for the reason that a bird with so heavily-marked wings will almost invariably have peppering on wing-bow or will produce it in his offspring. And along with this I would not be in favor of a solid black tail, but the main feathers should be red next to skin, and not white or grey. I would not favor a russet tail, but as present Standard reads it would have to be black to base of quill of feathers, instead of shading into the red body color.

I am in favor of increasing the weight of pullet to 5½ pounds. I trust that any changes that are made will be only for the advancement of the breed in its already growing popularity.

Rising Sun, Ind.

GEO. L. BUELL.

Some few of the changes that have been suggested seem to me to be advisable; for instance, the increase in weight of the pullets to 5½ pounds, as I believe that all of the larger breeds should be bred as heavy as possible, and I find it no trouble to make a Rhode Island Red pullet weigh 5½ pounds; but when it comes to changing the color of a bird that breeders have been striving to obtain by line breeding and otherwise, for years, I think it absurd, as the breeders of Rhode Island Reds have just about gotten their birds up to somewhere near the point called for by the Standard, then the revision committee comes along and wants them bred to nearly opposite to what the old Standard called for. For instance, as I understand it, now the female with no ticking in the hackle shall take preference over the one with ticking, everything else being equal. It has taken us several years to breed the ticking in the hackle, and it will take several more to breed it out; and by the time it is well under way

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They Overlook the Main Point

Nearly all fanciers who are inclined favorably toward the move to drop disqualifications from the new Standard, justify such action on the ground that many a good bird is at present disqualified and deemed worthless both for exhibition and breeding, merely because of a little down or stubs between the toes or on the legs, a little white in ear lobes which should be red, a little speck of white in a black bird or a little speck of black in a white bird, or a small side sprig on the comb, etc.

They maintain that it is a shame to throw out birds of this kind that are magnificent specimens in all other respects and to permit other birds to win that are inferior in type and color. Their argument seems to be reasonable and just, but they fail to follow it to its natural and inevitable conclusion. They entirely overlook the final result and that is what counts for more than anything else. If only the specimens they have in mind were involved in the matter, we could look at it in a much more favorable light. For instance, a White Wyandotte scoring 93 points is an excellent specimen, but if anywhere in its plumage there should be a speck of positive black as small as a pin head, the bird would be disqualified under the present Standard. Such action does seem harsh and unjust, but here is the point—you can't

legislate for that one bird alone. You are compelled to consider others in the same class and within a wide range just as the Revision Committee has done and when you do this you let down the bars to rank mongrels. A White Wyandotte or any white bird with a half dozen solid black feathers in it will be able to win in some cases in competition with solid white birds of infinitely superior quality.

But let us fully consider the individual bird with only the little speck of foreign color in plumage or the little bit of off color in ear lobe or the one little side sprig on comb or the one little stub of feather between the toes. These are some of the so-called absurd little things for which we disqualify the bird. Now, what do they represent and what does the bird itself stand for? These little things represent blood lines and latent transmissible qualities which we are trying to overcome with all the breeding skill we possess. The bird itself represents the power to perpetuate and magnify these defects in its progeny. The deadly bomb of the dynamiter may be a thing of beauty as regards mechanical construction, but it contains the elements of devastation and death and needs only the lighting of the fuse to spread destruction. The beautiful bird with the little defect is nice to look at, but it needs only to be placed in the breeding pen to ruin the flock. The bird in and of itself is of no value. Suppose it were not capable of fertilizing an egg or of laying one, who would want such a bird, and what would it be worth? The value of a high grade specimen lies in its power to reproduce its kind in its own likeness. A human being afflicted with leprosy is debarred from associating with his fellowman and is practically exiled. He may be only one of a million people but he is a menace to the entire community and indirectly to an incalculably large number of people. The bird with the little disqualifying defect is in exactly the same position. It is discarded and deemed worthless by the Standard, because of the pernicious influence it has in spreading the defect in an intensified form.

How Would You Like to Lose Like This?

Here is what fanciers will be up against if disqualifications are dropped from the Standard as is proposed doing. Suppose you, reader, are showing some variety of Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, R. I. Reds, Orpingtons, etc., and you had a bird 1½ pounds under Standard weight but an excellent bird in every other respect and one which, when matured, would be up to weight. Suppose also that another exhibitor in your class has a bird in competition with yours which is up to Standard weight and is just as good as yours in shape and color, but it has feathers between the toes and on the sides of both

legs, a half dozen feathers (not stubs), let us say, on each leg. Suppose the two birds each score 94 points without cuts for weight or for legs and toes. The bird that is under weight has to be cut 3 points. The feather legged bird cannot under any circumstances be cut more than 3 points. This makes a tie with scores of 91 points and the feather legged bird would have to be given first prize because it was nearest to Standard weight. How would you like to lose to a bird like that? Which bird would you rather breed from and which would be worth the most money? Which is the worse defect, a pound and a half shortage in weight or a row of feathers up and down the legs?

But conditions might be even worse than we have outlined. Suppose that the bird, instead of having feathers on its legs, has down and stubs to an extent that the judge can cut it only one to two points. Then your really good bird with the temporary defect of light weight actually scores from one to two points less than the stubby-legged cull. A bird may be only a half pound light in weight and still lose to a bird with stubs on legs. A dozen or more equally deplorable instances can be cited in connection with other disqualifications which are on the list to be dropped. There will be no end to the injustice and dissatisfaction resulting from the dropping of these disqualifications.

It is a certain fact that judges will be wide apart in their ideas as regards the amount to discount these defects in scoring and the importance of them when judging by comparison.

No Necessity for Going Backward

When breeds or varieties of fowls are new and "in the making," they are entitled to leniency in the preparation of a Standard, and such a course is usually followed, but it is rare indeed for breeders to deliberately lower a standard of quality after it has once been reached and maintained. This is what the American Poultry Association will be doing if the majority of the members present at the annual meeting next month should vote to eliminate disqualifications from the new Standard to be issued in 1910.

The defects under consideration are extremely objectionable and have always been looked upon as intolerable. They have been avoided to such an extent that the entire flocks of thousands of breeders are free from birds showing these faults. The few specimens that may appear in a flock occasionally have been so rigidly culled that the percentage of defective birds is too small for consideration. And now after years of unhindered progress and the attainment of a definite goal, it is proposed to deliberately lie down and not only drift back with the stream but actually take up the oars and pull with it.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

They are sweeping up the scatterment of one Gorline in a horse blanket.

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What some of those "Proposed Amendments" need is a great big dose of nutrum salts or some other kind of salts.

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Who said a poultryman can't sell out at a profit?—Geo. H. Northup.

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Russell may have promised you his entire support, Charley, but he couldn't deliver all the votes. There are a lot of "insurgents" in the poultry game and some are A. P. A. certificate holders, if we may judge from the looks of things.

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Your Uncle Crusty's committee has taken a trip "up the flue," or will soon.

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The authors of all the amendments were kept dark for my convenience alone. Great punning material!

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Jimmy Tucker will now teach the young idea how to score a fowl. Blest be the scorer who finds the true valuation of a fowl!

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The one amendment that looks good to Uncle Dudley is the one giving me a free Standard.—From Him Who Stays At Home.

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Training for the Examining Committee for Licenses in the American Poultry Association's Blue Book of

Poultry Judges is going to be a real work. I can see in the dim and not yet far off distance, many correspondence schools that will fit you for the ordeal and guarantee that you get through slicker than a whistle, all for seven seventy-nine. Schools that will run for a few days prior to the annual meeting of the Examining Committee are a possibility, and the chances are that some man who will get busy on the ground floor of such a great free-for-all, will make a name for himself that will stink for all time.

Let us take a foray into the camp of those in training!

We will ride out to the camp in Frank Hare's green auto, for the morning is warm and the day promises to be a record breaker. Frank is going out to pick a hundred to one shot that has the stuff of a real winner in him. He hears we are going, so asks us to accompany him.

Long before we reach the grounds of the training quarters we hear the squawk of the chased pullet, and the kaw of the exhausted cockerel, for to successfully catch a chicken is one of the fine points of the game. Coming closer to the grounds we note a bunch of young huskies just coming in from their long run of some seven miles. They must have long distance wind to earn a license, as this is required for scoring a show all day long and then making a getaway. They have swipes accompanying them and bull-necked sweaters enclose their trunks from thighs to ears. Rushing into the bath they get scoured with Sapolio and then rubbed down, when they take the punching bags to task for a couple of hours, as this is to protect them from the assaults of vigorous roosters and rooster-pecking hens. Some protection from exhibitors might also come in under this heading and those who know least about chicken being required to cultivate the greatest brawn.

After this work at the bags the

class breakfasts. A rest follows. A walk before dinner and then the afternoon siesta. At four they go to the class room and learn how to count money, ask for higher wages than they were paid last season, sign show contracts and how to break them, get reduced rates at the hotels because they are of the "chicken crowd," slander each other's work, knock every other man's birds, get into and out of Pullman berths, tell a hen from a rooster and tell which breed is which, particular attention being paid to the Rose Comb Reds and the Buff Wyandottes. The amount of physical and mental exertion that all this requires is something too great to even speak of so we will pass over that.

Spreading over the salve and explaining scores are things that are made elective, and you have your choice of learning how to read time tables or getting at the detailed descriptions of the various fowls if you can find time to sandwich them in. Nothing is said of getting a goose out of the cage or saddling a bronze turkey preparatory to scoring him with an ax. All the witty sayings you will have to sometimes say before the poultry banquet board you must think out for yourself. You must pick up your own eccentricities in the show room, whether you will clerk for yourself or kick about the light and heat or amount of fare it took to get to the show town, you never having been there before.

But after all is said, the training you get will do you good, especially if you can see it that way. Approaching the committee is taught in the post-graduate course. The number of times to kowtow and saalam, the kind of cigars to carry for them and the manner of addressing them are then gone into, this all being dispensed with, however, if they let you get through the first crack.

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Mr. Chas. D. Cleveland, president of the National White Wyandotte Club, and chairman of the executive committee, is sending out the following letter relative to the action taken by the Club in the charges preferred against Messrs. Graves and Ambrosius:

West Orange, N. J., May 3d, 1909.
To the Members of the National Wyandotte Club:

The Executive Committee, consisting of Messrs. Cleveland, Hawn, Martin, Doak and Hume, to which committee the charges filed against W. R. Graves, of Southboro, Mass., and Theodore Ambrosius, of Collinsville, Ill., were submitted, reports that it has read and digested all of the testimony and the exhibits attached thereto, and that the vote of the committee upon said charges is as follows:

With reference to W. R. Graves: The committee voted to censure him for his connection with the transactions referred to in the charges.

With reference to Theodore Ambrosius: The committee voted to suspend him from the Club for a period of two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Cleveland,
Chairman.

Red Breeders Kick Vigorously

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to be a clear hackle there will be a new Revision Committee and what kind of color will they want in the hackle of the female? I agree with the Revision Committee that most anything you ask us to do with the Rhode Island Reds can be done from laying 365 eggs per year to double that number as this grand breed has exceeded the expectations of everybody, but go slow and give us a chance and I believe you will agree with me that to improve on the color of the Rhode Island Reds as anticipated under the old Standard would be a very hard thing to do as that Standard was made by some of the oldest and best breeders in the United States who had made a life study of the Reds and that is the class of men who should make Standards of Perfection for all the breeds.

Lorain, O.

R. C. TUTTLE.

In regard to the standard for R. I. Reds as recommended by the Revision Committee of the American Poultry Association, will say that I am not in favor of this change at all. To begin with, why should we make any change? The Reds have grown very fast in popular favor, both as a Fancier's fowl and for utility purposes under the present Standard. They have also improved wonderfully in color and shape. For these reasons, it seems to me very foolish to make the radical changes that are recommended by the Revision Committee.

One of the very things that we are breeding out, is allowed in this new standard, viz., slate in undercolor. If we were breeding Buckeyes, perhaps this would be all right. But look where the Buckeyes are; we do not want the Reds to go there too.

When we stop to think of the short time that R. I. Reds have been bred to a standard, it seems remarkable that a breed of fowls could make such rapid strides toward the standard we have made for them. We can not improve them if we keep monkeying with this standard.

Hartford, Conn.

LESTER TOMPKINS.

In regard to disqualifications being dropped from the Standard will say that if proper cuts are made for these defects I don't see why it won't work out all right. The only things I can see against the plan is that there may be some pretty cheap classes in some of the smaller shows. I don't think a true fancier would exhibit a specimen that had a very serious defect.

As to changes in the standard for Rhode Island Reds, I do not believe that we need them, in fact it would set the breed back ten years. I cannot see any class at all in the proposed standard. It would simply make a lot of culls score 100 points.

Concord, Mass.

GEO. W. TRACY.

I will state that the present Standard suits me, and is to my mind the most perfect Standard ever written, and I venture to say that there were more Rhode Island Reds shown dur-

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East Des Moines, Ia.

I consider the present weight correct under the present Standard. I am opposed to a "rather large" comb in female. Those "rather large" combs have been a serious objection to Reds and to those of us who have largely overcome this large comb trouble it seems like a step backward.

Regarding color, I am opposed for all time to smut in back of male or female. It is a defect in the eyes of a true fancier and all the argument and standards in the world will not make it look good. The removal of ticking in hackle of female looks very inconsistent when smut in back is invited, and black in tail and wing demanded. In my opinion and experience good standard males and females mated together will produce as many standard birds as any double mating that can be made. I believe ticking (not lacing) is as easy to breed as a good black tail and wing, and when a good wing and tail is found usually black in hackle will be present in female, and very few males will show black in that section when in adult plumage. The trouble has been that too many females have been used with lacing instead of ticking which has a tendency to put black in the neck of males. This smut and ticking proposition looks as if someone who had made little advancement in color breeding is trying to get a standard to fit his own flock. The change in wing, allowing a narrowed edging is satisfactory to me. Whatever is done, don't let us take any backward steps.

Willoughby, O.

ing the past season that approached the Standard than any other variety. It has been a distinct success from the start, hence why change it. The allowance of slate is a very serious objection as it will result in great injury to a fancier just starting, as he will naturally breed from birds as near Standard requirements as possible and if he breeds from both male and females with slate in the same mating he will do so to his sorrow. It would be rank injustice to a vast array of honest breeders to force a change in the Standard that would eliminate the ticking from the ends of the lower hackle feathers of the female as it would undo their several years of intelligent effort to produce females with just the right amount of ticking.

Most of the opponents of the present Standard come from the west, but the advent of a western man as a R. I. Red judge who by his strict application of the Standard when judging Reds created consternation among eastern breeders of great prominence, did the breed and them a world of good, as breeding for the ticking in the hackles of the female also greatly improved the general color, and breeders and exhibitors who formerly execrated this judge now take off their hats to him.

Kinderhook, N. Y.

IRA M. CROWTHER.

Regarding shape, I am in favor of a longer type than the club ideal shown in Red Hen Tales, 1908, and if this is adopted the proposed ½ lb. increase in weight of pullet is cor-

What Prominent Authorities Say

No Proposed Change in the Standard Has Ever Created as Much Interest or Has Been of as Much Importance as the Attempt to Abolish Disqualifications—Many Leading Fanciers of Different Breeds Have Expressed Their Views for Publication in Poultry Fancier

U. R. FISHEL.

Ever since I read the decision of the Revision Committee to drop out all disqualifications in the new Standard I have been wondering what this committee had in mind when placing this resolution. I consider this move a step backward, in fact, so much so that I know the poultry breeders at large will not vote for the discontinuance of disqualifications. I feel pretty sure that if side sprigs, stubs on shanks, etc., were not disqualifications, you would soon find in all poultry shows, and especially the smaller ones, any amount of birds that would be a disgrace to the breeds which they would be supposed to represent. I feel sure the striking out of all disqualifications is a move something like the cutting for over weight which was passed by the last Revision Committee of the Standard and which was voted to strike out in the new Revision. The striking out of all disqualifications is a much more serious matter than the cutting for over weight and that did more to hurt large breeds than anything else that was ever done, by a Revision Committee. I trust the breeders will not fail to meet with the A. P. A. at Niagara in August, for we must see to it that the disqualifications are not eliminated from the new Standard.

Hope, Ind.

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F. A. TECKTONIUS.

My understanding of the new Standard is that it is for the purpose of advancing better breeding

of poultry. If I am correct regarding this, the Revision Committee are taking a step backward instead of forward.

If any old thing will do, such as side sprigs on single combs and feathers on legs of clean legged varieties and such other similar defects are permissible, excepting for a cut for such defect, the true fancy and spirit of attaining high qualities in the breeding of varieties of various breeds is destroyed to a great extent and same will be much in evidence at our local and national shows in the entering of birds with such defects. Personally, I consider a side sprig on the Single Comb varieties is as much of a deformity as a squirrel or wry tail. As to white in face of the cockerels and pullets in the Mediterranean class, except the White Faced Black Spanish, it is also a serious defect or deformity in the appearance of the bird.

Racine, Wis.

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WM. F. BRACE.

With all my experience in breeding, showing and judging, I have always stood for anything that would improve the business, and believe that the better specimens we can furnish for the show-room, the better will be the poultry industry.

It would seem a strange state of affairs to go into an exhibition and find a large number of disqualified specimens there to be passed upon, all being eligible and allowed to fill up the space which might be utilized by better birds. Twenty or more

years ago we would find quite a few specimens that would have to be thrown out simply because the exhibitor did not know. Now in this age of education along all lines of business, there is no excuse for showing disqualified birds, unless he or she may have overlooked the defects, but not on account of ignorance. To disregard all these disqualifications seems like a long stride backward. The American Poultry Association and The Standard have always been for the best interests of the fancier, and it would in my belief be very unwise to drop the disqualifications now existing in the Standard.

Victor, N. Y.

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F. W. COREY.

The question of whether or not we shall do away with breed disqualifications is a hard one to answer, for there are very strong arguments on both sides. Sometimes it does seem a shame to throw out a fine specimen on account of a small white spot in the ear lobe, one or two stubs on the legs, white or black color in the plumage where it does not belong, or a small side sprig or stub comb, perhaps not noticeable except you handle the bird, and not in any way making the bird less valuable as a market bird, but on the other side the fancy poultry business is largely supported by people who see the beauty of the finest birds and are attracted to the fancier's ranks through seeing some extra fine birds. These disqualifications, for the most part, are defects that mar the beauty of out birds and hence will make them far less attractive in the show room. If we open wide the doors and allow these heretofore disqualified birds to win our ribbons, will we not be encouraging careless breeding and fill our show rooms with specimens that reflect no credit on our breeders nor on the breed? It seems to me after the many years we have spent in breeding out these defects, that we are removing all incentive to future effort and taking a decided step backward by so doing. The friends of this move are using as their strongest argument the claim that it will help to do away with faking. I think they are mistaken about this. For my part, I do not believe there is more faking in the poultry show business than in that of any other branch of live stock. Ask the horse man, the cattle man, the dog man, and I think they will all tell you they use every means at their command to make their charges look their best. The up-to-date and wide-awake poultry man is not going to show a bird disfigured if he can help it. It is the beginner and the careless breeders that will bring in the birds with these defects, and they will expect

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Ossining, N. Y.

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M. L. CHAPMAN.

I have not given the recent discussion very much attention. It seems to me, however, that any very great changes in such matters is as Grover Cleveland once said, a mighty good place to go slow.

Wethersfield, Conn.

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H. W. HALBACH.

Ear lobes that show positive white ought to be disqualified, also stubs or feathered legs on Plymouth Rocks. As to black feathers in White Rocks, I believe these ought not to disqualify, as the experienced show man will pluck them out and by not disqualifying he might not look for them so carefully as if they were disqualifications. Side sprigs should disqualify. In my opinion, if we abolish all these disqualifications, in a few years we will ruin our favorites, for many a beginner now is afraid to use a bird with any of above mentioned disqualifications. If we cut for these defects he will then think them not so bad and will use many a bird that ought to have its head cut off.

Waterford, Wis.

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D. F. PALMER & SON.

After having given the matter special thought, would say that we would be in favor of disqualifying for side sprigs on combs and large prominent stubs on shanks. But when a bird very rare in all other sections has to be ruled out in the show room owing to a very slight downy appearance on the shank, it is decidedly wrong.

Then another disqualification in the show room is white in ear lobes. This should never be, to our way of thinking. We have had chickens here at home with ear lobes just as red as any could be, but when they were confined in a small coop and in a large warm room as all show rooms are, their ear lobes turn pale and are very often ruled under disqualifications.

In summing up our ideas we would say, by all means disqualify for side sprigs on combs, large prominent stubs on shanks, but not disqualify for the small down as found between toes or on shanks, but on the other hand discount the defect according to its severity. We would not disqualify for white in ear lobes.

Yorkville, Ill.

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MR. AND MRS. C. L. CARNEY.

It is preposterous to think of eliminating the general disqualifications. Of course the idea is to cut hard enough to exclude the birds from the prize ring, but why fool with them as they are even worthless as breeders, or for anything but a pot pie. The idea of passing on a bird with foreign color in it or one with side sprigs on comb or feathers on

shanks in the varieties where shanks are unfeathered!

Charleston, Ill.

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MILTON W. BROWN.

Regarding the elimination of disqualifications from the Standard, let me say that I regard this as a tremendous step forward. Anyone who is familiar with the English methods of crossing and breeding understands that they use some startling crosses to produce certain results. To throw out a bird magnificent in shape and color because the bird had too much white in ear lobes, for example, is unscientific. This action of the revision committee will advance the perfection of certain breeds in America ten years at least. The fact that the English make use of disqualified birds in the breeding pen if they be strong in other points is a partial explanation of the fact that we have to import many specimens if we wish to have the best of those varieties. This action cannot be too strongly commended.

Cincinnati, O.

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S. A. NOFTZGER.

Disqualifications in fancy poultry have acted as a safeguard—keeping out inferior specimens—and greatly improving the quality of fowls exhibited at our shows all over the country.

But for disqualifications many inferior specimens would be awarded prizes at minor shows where the competition was little or nothing.

The revision committee are men who have to do mostly with large shows, consequently see the matter only from the viewpoint of the larger exhibitions—overlooking entirely the lesser ones where the change will probably be most felt.

Our small poultry shows all over the country occupy a position in the

poultry world corresponding to the under brick in a wall and when disturbed we endanger the very foundation of the fancy poultry industry.

As usual, there are two sides to the question; much can be said pro and con; but I think we should very carefully consider before making the proposed changes in dropping disqualifications.

North Manchester, Ind.

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WM. A. SMITH.

There is quite an opposition to the dropping of disqualifications and the matter is of such importance to breeders of all varieties and especially Black Minorca breeders, that a free discussion of it is necessary in order that justice may be done.

As I understand it, the object at the present time in proposing to do away with these disqualifications in the Standard, is to discourage faking. The idea seems to be with a good many that all you will have to do to stop faking is to remove disqualifications from the Standard, but in my mind it will make no difference, as a man that will fake in one case, will fake in the other, and by removing all disqualifications will only bring to our show room a lot of inferior birds that would not be there if certain disqualifications were retained in the Standard.

Metuchen, N. J.

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WM. OSBURN.

I am not sure that I would favor dropping the disqualifications from the New Standard. Such common defects as feathers on shanks, side-sprigs on comb and absence of spikes are very persistently repeated in the offspring. The farther we can get away from them the better. On the other hand, it seems hardly fair to throw out a fine Barred Rock or Rhode Island Red (almost perfect in

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other respects) because it has a feather on shank. I notice that some of the big breeders seem to ignore these disqualifications, but we can never reach the ideal unless breeders co-operate and studiously reject from their flocks all that are disqualified. I hope that if the disqualifications are removed the penalty for these defects will be made very severe.

Morris, Ill.

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GEO. H. BURGOTT.

I am heartily in favor of dropping the disqualifications outlined by the Revision Committee. I believe it will be an advancement along the right line. I believe that it will make better birds, with less disappointment to the amateur. The word "disqualified" written across the score card for a mere speck of black or white in plumage or for a mere speck of white in the face of the Mediterranean class birds is many times the cause of the downfall of an amateur. It is better for both the amateur and the professional to not have a grand bird disqualified, even though it is left out of the winning. The Standard will then mean what it says. In other words, the birds should possess a certain excellence, but not have their heads cut off for trivial

defects. It is all right to eliminate disqualifications as the committee has suggested.

Lawtons, N. Y.

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DR. G. W. TAYLOR.

Relative to the dropping of disqualifications, will say that I believe the men on the Revision Committee know their business pretty thoroughly and I am willing to abide by their judgment. In my opinion, it matters little whether we disqualify or not for such defects as white in ear lobes, side sprigs, stubs, etc., so long as these defects are punished severely enough, and it is quite evident from the report of the committee that this will be done and it will be hardly possible for a bird to win a very important place if it shows these defects.

Orleans, Ind.

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E. F. PEIRCE.

As regards cutting out disqualifications, I for one would say, no! Do we as fanciers wish to go backward and breed culls? How many true fanciers would breed birds that are disqualified under our present Standard? We can get all the culls we want without breeding them. Then why not keep birds out of the

pens that will reproduce these disqualifications and not make it so that they can be sold to beginners, with the result that they are discouraged from becoming fanciers. Let us not go backward, but try to get our birds better and nearer perfection, by using and breeding only the very best that it is possible for us to breed or buy. I have been a breeder of fancy fowls for over 26 years and my experience is that the defects under consideration when once established cannot be bred out for at least ten generations.

Port Clinton, Ohio.

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AUG. D. ARNOLD.

I am strongly in favor of dropping all disqualifications from the Standard, except a few deformities, as suggested. I remember that at the St. Louis Exposition, I, with other breeders, was looking over the class of White Wyandotte Cockerels and we found what we thought were the best two birds in the show, but they had no ribbons on their coops. We found that the cause was the presence of down between the toes of these birds. Yet, \$100 would not have bought either of them. I say, drop the disqualifications out of the Standard, now and forever.

Dillsburg, Pa.

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H. E. ROGERS.

The proposed dropping of so many disqualifications looks very nice at first sight and seems to remove some of the troubles that I have had to contend with in the past, but if it favors me, it also favors my competitors just as much.

The understanding that judges are to cut severely for the defects (formerly disqualifications) does not help matters any, as you are increasing the amount of work for a judge and he must cut or score according to his opinion. As it is at present, there are enough matters left to the opinion of the judges and the addition of the "present disqualifications" would surely tend towards less uniformity in judging.

It looks to me as being a step backward instead of forward, but a true breeder of the fancy can keep right on as before and with his old plan of culling out birds with disqualifications, he will so far out-distance the followers of the new plan, that he will be in a class by himself and with less competition.

LaCrosse, Wis.

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FRED C. LISK.

I would most emphatically say, let the disqualifications remain. Making the proposed change would be a very bad experiment, because we would soon have only a lot of mongrels, and what incentive would a true fancier and a lover of fine fowls have to work for? Some breeders claim that it would remove the temptation to fake the fowls in preparing them for the show room. Now if a person is dishonest and tricky enough to fake his birds he will not stop, although the temptation is partially removed.

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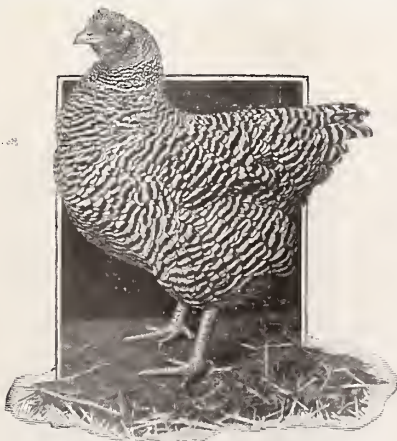
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Romulus, N. Y.

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CHAS. D. CLEVELAND.

I am heartily in favor of the suggestion which the Revision Committee has made with reference to the dropping of all disqualifications from the new standard, except natural deformities. My reasons are as follows:

First: By the proposed changes certain forms of faking, such as removing side sprigs, peeling of ear lobes, improper straightening and adjusting of combs, pulling of feathers on shanks and toes, etc., will be practically done away with. There will always be men who will resort to these methods to win, but I think the tendency will be to show a bird in its natural condition.

Second: Too many good birds have been out of the awards in the last few years, because while unusually strong and indeed almost perfect in 90 per cent of their value they have been disqualified because of some petty defect, which would not in all probability mar the bird as a breeder. While the bird with glaringly bad faults will undoubtedly be cut so severely as not to be in the first rank, a bird otherwise very strong should have some place, even although he may be defective in a characteristic which really prevails among competing birds, but which has been artificially removed.

Third: The whole system of comparison judging is cutting for defects, and it is not the perfect bird which wins, because there are no perfect birds, but the best bird shown. A proper system of cutting will, in my judgment, lead to the best results at all comparison shows,—and I have no use for the score card system.

Fourth: Many excellent birds, which would show the quality of the stock of the exhibitor and breeder, but which have heretofore been kept away from the exhibition by timid breeders or by exhibitors, who know that under the old system their bird would not be entitled to any place whatever, will now make their appearance, and certainly in the color problems, which face the fancier today, as ever, it will be at least interesting and instructive to have birds of preeminently fine color, but which are defective in comb, eye, etc., displayed for the examination of fanciers.

I remember three years ago at New York a Columbian Wyandotte pullet, which was a marvel of color, but which was disqualified for total absence of spike, and while this bird won the Columbian Club special for best hackle, best wing and best laced tail, she secured no award whatever in regular competition.

Fifth: The disqualifications in the old standards are not agreed to by all, or by, I think, a majority of the fan-

ciers, and the distinctions are so fine in some cases as to lead judges to award prizes improperly. As an example I can recollect a very fine example of a Rose Comb White Leghorn pullet with red ear lobes winning first prize in the White Wyandotte pullet class, because, while she did not have the shape and characteristics, or any of the qualifications of the White Wyandotte, she did have yellow legs, red eyes, rose comb and white plumage, and the other birds were not as good in any of the three respects as she was, some of them being disqualified for having white in the ear lobes; others for pale shanks, and others for black feathers which had not been removed by the exhibitors, etc. It was simply absurd. Another example of this is the application by a number of judges of the amount of positive white which will disqualify. What is positive white?

I could go on at considerable length, but in order not to be tedious, I will say that I think that the new system will work far better than the old; and inasmuch as the new Standard will describe what are the points to be desired, a failure to disqualify a bird for possessing something not desirable in the breed will not lead exhibitors to wrong breeding or a wrong conception of what the breed should be.

West Orange, N. J.

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S. D. LAPHAM.

It is my opinion that to strike out disqualifications, would injure the poultry business at large and would more or less discourage the younger breeders. For instance, take a bird that is fairly good in all sections except that he has a side sprig. This bird is shipped to the young breeder and shown. He is cut two for side sprig which, evidently will put him out of the winning and surely he will be no bird to breed. This throws the responsibility wholly upon the man who buys the bird, and in my opinion, a bird with one or more side sprigs should never be shipped from any reliable breeder's yard. I recommend the axe in like cases.

The same, in my opinion, will ap-

ply to feathers on legs and foreign color in ear lobe. These two defects have always been very prominent in the Buff Rock family, but in my opinion they are gradually wearing away and only very few are thrown out. But, should the disqualifications be abolished, I fear that many birds will be shipped with side sprigs, feathered legs, and white ear lobes. I have known of instances where many fine birds were held from the breeding yards on account of a trace of white in ear lobes or a small feather on the legs simply because the breeder dreaded the disqualification, but with the usual cut (as in other sections), it is my opinion that the same birds would be bred and, evidently, reduce the quality of the breeder's flock.

The poultry industry is fast growing; rare specimens are developing. Why? Simply, because we are forced to spend and lend every effort possible to bring the birds to standard requirements. Therefore, I think the disqualifications should be carefully considered.

Dearborn, Mich.

GROUND ON THE SQUARE DEAL IDEA.

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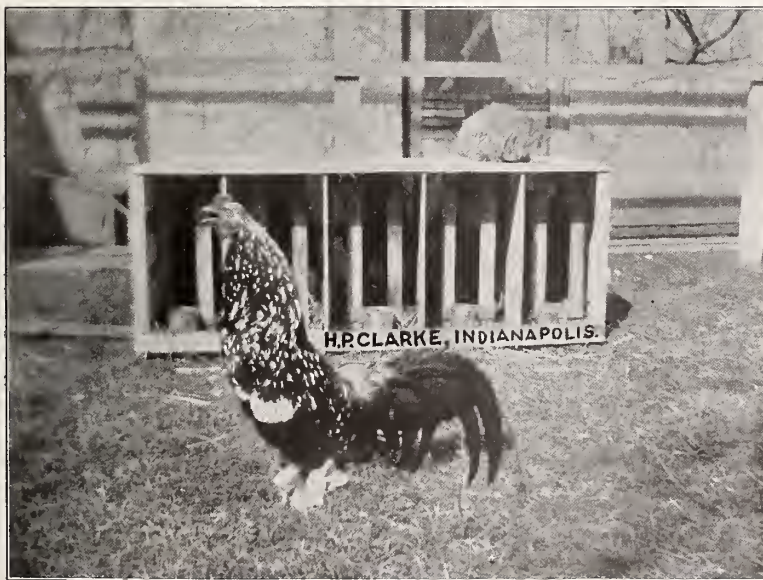
Article XI, Section 1. (a) The Thoroughbred Game is "able to produce fifty per cent of the specimens reasonably true to the type and character-

were on view at every one of those exhibitions. Definite records are at hand proving that both sexes and ages were exhibited at show in connection with A. P. A. meeting here at Indianapolis in 1888. (Game Fowl Monthly, April, page 52.) Also at Charleston, S. C., in 1891. (Southern Fancier, February, page 8.)

(c) The breed will be shown at Niagara, Aug. 10-12, 1909.

(d) This is not a new breed, but the oldest of all breeds. It does "possess such breed characteristics as to give it a very distinct character of its own."

Section 2. (a) Petition containing "a description of the breed seeking admission, together with all ascertainable facts regarding its origin and breeding, and a prayer for its admission," were duly mailed the secretary-treasurer on April 3, 1909.



Typical Specimen of the Thoroughbred Game Which is Seeking Admission to the Standard of Perfection.

istics of the breed as set forth in the proposed standard." It has "been exhibited in at least two generations, both male and female, at not less than three annual meetings of the association."

(b) "Written notice of the presence of such breed" was supplied the secretary-treasurer at Niagara last summer and it is presumed that he "recorded the facts in the official minutes of the meeting." No such notice was required at the time when A. P. A. used to meet in connection with winter shows, but it is more than probable that Thoroughbred Games

(b) Affidavit signed by M. A. Young, W. E. Coover, W. G. Barnhart, Geo. F. Mumford, W. H. Hiatt, five breeders of the breed, and sworn to before A. N. Wilson, notary public, showing that eight per cent of specimens "breed reasonably true to type and characteristics of the breed as above required." Mailed along with petition.

(c) The proposed standard for the breed was "presented at the same time with the petition."

(d) All these papers required in the application was filed with the secretary-treasurer on April 3, 1909,

more than "ninety days prior to the meeting of the association at which admission to the Standard of Perfection is sought."

This completes the required work of the applicant. The constitution of the A. P. A. next says that the secretary-treasurer shall "give to all members of the association sixty days' notice of the pendency of such application." He seems to have forgotten his part, but no matter! We, Game men, have done ours. The Thoroughbred Game is positively the only applicant which has made even the slightest attempt to live up to the A. P. A. constitution. Kindly show your appreciation of that effort by helping us vote Thoroughbred Games into the next Standard.

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THEY PAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ONLY LAY.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

I was very much amused with the article in May issue headed "A Hot One for Leghorn Breeders."

The very first line, "Not being a Leghorn breeder, etc.," is answer enough to his unfavorable opinions or ideas of the breed.

If a Leghorn hen isn't good for anything only the eggs she lays, she certainly is a money-making proposition in the hands of competent poultrymen. When you can keep a hen for three years just for the eggs that she will lay, then kill and sell her, even for 30c, you are away ahead of the game.

The Standard says: "Leghorns being essentially a breed of comparatively small size, of great alertness and of graceful curves, should be bred strictly on these lines." Now, what should a good typical Leghorn hen weigh? The past season I sent a pen of Leghorns to three different shows and the hens averaged five pounds each. Should they have been cut for underweight or undersize? I hardly think so, but they might have been cut for overweight or oversize.

I have bred Barred Rocks for over twelve years and during last December killed three cockerels for home use. Two weighed, alive, nine and a half pounds each, and the third one weighed ten and a half pounds. These birds were not fattened expressly to kill, but were the surplus of a small flock.

"It takes careful breeding, good feed and the best of care" to raise any breed of birds to Standard requirements.

H. E. Rogers.

La Crosse, Wis.

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SLATE IN UNDER COLOR IS A MISTAKE.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

After breeding Silver Rocks for eight years and breeding every first prize winner at Madison Square for three last shows, I wish to say, I think the Revision Committee have made a serious mistake, and gone against the wishes of the breeders of this variety, in calling for a Slate undercolor. I will go further and say I feel sure slate undercolor has done more to keep the Silver Laced Wyandottes, Silver Penciled Wyandottes and Dark Brahmas from becoming

popular than every other one of their faults. Any breed that is expected to have any silvery white top color cannot afford to be saddled with slate undercolor. I have never yet seen a specimen with strong slate undercolor but what was as brassy as a brass kettle. What is more disfiguring than brass on a bird that is supposed to be black and white or white.

Why should we not do away with undercolor entirely? Of what good is it to mention undercolor? The top color is what we see and what must be attractive to make a variety popular. The undercolor has no effect on the market value of a bird, or if it does the difference is all in favor of a light undercolor, which is much preferred to a slate.

Ossining, N. Y. F. W. Corey.

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WHERE THE FAKING LINE IS DRAWN.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

In a recent letter in this department, I stated that in the near future I would contribute a few more remarks relative to faking and where the line is drawn between faking and legitimate show preparation. The matter depends very much upon whether it is someone else or ourselves involved. I will give one or two examples without mentioning any names, but my own. I do not wish to hurt the Poultry Fancy nor anyone's feelings or business, but I think that the truth should not hurt any business.

Several years ago I was showing a string of my birds at a certain country fair. The judge was a first-class one and is now licensed by the American Poultry Assn. I would value a score card by him just as highly as one by any other judge. When he

came to a White Crested Black Polish cock of mine, he asked me if I had not pulled some black feathers from the front of his crest, as he said he never saw one that did not have a few. I told him, "Yes, of course." He replied, "That is faking." We then came to one of my Silver Spangled Hamburgs and she was a dandy. He asked me if I had not picked some of the feathers from her back so that the spangles would show up better. I also admitted this and he again told me that I was faking. Now, I showed at this same fair again the next year, but there was another judge placing the awards and this first judge who told me I was faking was showing a string of his birds. The day before the judging I went out early in the morning to feed my birds. I looked over back of a tree where I heard some chickens squawking and it looked as though some fellow was running a feather renovator. I went over and saw this same judge who told me I had faked my birds. I asked him what he was doing and he said he was just cleaning up, conditioning and pulling a few broken feathers and getting ready for the judging next day. Some of his chickens were White Wyandottes and I noticed that all the feathers he pulled had black in them. I also saw him pulling feathers from his Silver Laced Wyandotte pullets to make the lacing on their breasts show up better.

Now, here is the point. It was a crime and was faking for me to pick my Polish and Hamburgs, but for him to pick his Wyandottes it was only conditioning them. In another instance, I would not allow my bantams to be fed at a certain show until they were weighed in and another A. P. A. judge told me I was trying to fake, but he went right out and bought several pounds of hamburger

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in the hands of their patrons, for they do not exhibit, nor do they appropriate their patrons' winnings to their advantage.

From Sept 1 to May 15, Brahmas \$3.50 to \$10 for females; \$5 to \$20 for males. White and Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes, \$2.50 to \$8 for females; \$4 to \$15 for males. Eggs from all, \$4 for 15, \$7 for 30, \$9 for 45, and \$15 for 105 eggs. From May 15 to Sept. 1, all yearlings before moulting sold at 40 per cent off of catalogue prices. For catalogue and other particulars address

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steak and crystal grit which he fed to his Barred Rocks before they were weighed until they had crops on them like a base ball. Right here is where the faking line is drawn. When you are getting birds ready for the show, that is, conditioning them and when the other fellow is getting his ready that is faking.

Do I pull feathers? Of course I do, so does everyone else that ever wins a prize in hot competition, no matter what they may say. If you could see all the feathers and stubs that are pulled out of chickens each year that go to Madison Square Garden, I'll wager that you could stuff a good-sized pillow. The only off-colored feathers that are not pulled are the ones that the breeders do not see. A young lady who is expecting company will manicure her hands, powder and paint her face, put a rat in her hair or maybe wear someone else's hair, but no one would accuse her of faking. The rule should hold good just the same with our birds.

Faking is a local issue just like the tariff. You will always find it in the locality where the show is on. I expect that when I accuse all breeders of pulling feathers some of the old feather pullers will "holler" like a chick that has had its yolk scorched in hatching, but is true nevertheless.

Marion, Ohio. C. W. Lepper.

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WANTS JUDGES' ASSOCIATION AND A. P. A. EXAMINING BOARD.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

A start has been made in the right direction by Poultry Fancier when the R. C. Brown Leghorn hen was shipped to judges in all sections of the country and used as a subject for them to show how nearly they can score alike and properly interpret the Standard. That judges can and must get closer together in the interpretation of the Standard is admitted. I call to mind one case where there was a difference of six points between two judges in the score card of a Barred Rock hen and they were both breeders of this variety. Judges should get together after the organization of a judges' association is effected and discuss in detail their differences of opinion. If this was done, more uni-

formity would soon be apparent and there would be much less fault-finding and criticising, which, at present, is one of the unpleasant conditions which are brought to the attention of the fraternity each season. The many new aspirants for judgeship should be given an opportunity to make good. How can they learn to do uniform work if the older judges, whose greater experience gives them prestige and standing, still remain apart and some even object to organization? There is no excuse for this attitude. The Judges' Association must and will work in harmony with the rules of the American Poultry Association. It should appoint a commission or board of examiners at its next meeting and this board should meet, plan and execute measures that would lead to progress and more uniform work. It is not necessary that we should all see alike, but there are many features met with in judging fowls that belong in the same class and can be discounted alike or passed as perfect or checked as not of sufficient fault to be cut. The judges thus far have each formulated their own system of doing the work. A few who meet annually, however, have in a fraternal manner, exchanged opinions which has led to greater uniformity between them, but we now have over 150 licensed judges and a very large number of new applicants. Are these all to be left to discover for themselves the easiest and best mode of doing their work? I believe that I voice the sentiment of a vast majority who are willing to let the American Poultry Association, through its competent members, appoint such a board of examiners, regardless of the oft-quoted question, Who is to judge the judges? There are a sufficient number who concentrate their natural and acquired knowledge to the utmost in doing their work honestly and fearlessly, without partiality to anyone.

Th poultry fancy has grown by leaps and bounds and it today embraces members from all ranks and classes who want honesty combined with ability. The American Poultry Association has grown to manhood and its affairs for several years have been conducted upon a business basis. Every year sees added material in membership that stands and counts for progress and plans for higher and

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greater achievement. Let us have and hold only to that which insures this continued upward trend so that when the older judges have left the field the younger men may, with respect, look back and refer to them as their teachers and that their record may be of good done to themselves and the entire poultry fraternity.

D. T. Heimlich.

Jacksonville, Ill.

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WE OUGHT TO BUY MORE, SHOW MORE AND TALK MORE.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

The summer months of June, July and August are the dull times in the poultry business from the business standpoint. Notice the great decrease in advertising space in the journals. Some of them are running with less than half the number of pages which are used in winter and spring. Sales are few and the money comes in very slowly. Prices are cut away down, in some instances to one-third of winter time, but still they will not stimulate buying. What is the trouble? Isn't it better to buy a pen of fowls now for \$10 than to wait until February and pay \$25 for the very same pen. There is no reason why we should not buy and sell every month in the year. It would not only be good for us, who have the stock to sell, but it would be good for the purchaser, especially good for the advertising pages of the journals, but most excellent for the entire poultry fraternity. There is nothing to keep a person's courage up in any business like having the dollars continually rolling in. I sold a man a pair of fowls yesterday to show at the New York State Fair. I am not telling this to advertise myself, but to prove my argument. But, why did he buy now? The fair is a long ways off yet. I'll tell you. He will probably proceed to moult those birds out immediately and have them covered with a nice new coat of feathers by the middle of August and stand some chance of winning, besides he wanted plenty of time to see the birds before hand and have a chance to judge what they were and not wait until he was ready to send them to the fair and then perhaps not get them in just the right condition.

By the way, why don't we have shows all the year 'round like they do in England? It could be done here as well as there and I believe it would pay. Not many summer shows, perhaps, but enough to keep the interest up to the business point. You can always sell stock at shows. Then why not show and sell all the year 'round? In England the shows run right along through March, April, May and June. They begin again in August and continue to increase through the winter months. Another thing in England which we do not see so much of here, is personal controversies regarding show birds and purchased stock which points are threshed out in the jour-

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nals much more than here. I do not know whether some of our American poultry editors could stand so much of that as they do over there, but some of it is very interesting reading. In other words the English take everything very much in earnest and do a lot of their thinking out loud in the poultry journals. They write for the papers more than we do and do not let personal matters keep them quiet. Where some of our journals are taken up with descriptions of big plants that 999 breeders out of a thousand will never be able to emulate, the English breeders will take up the space talking about a Hamburg's comb or a Dorking's fifth toe. And it seems to me that this is just as interesting to the Hamburg and Dorking breeders as the description of a \$10,000 utility poultry farm. Dr. H. F. Ballard, Chenoa, Ill.

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DOES THE PAST TEACH US ANYTHING?

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

In 1879 when making the Standard the scale of points for the Polish varieties allowed 25 for crest, 10 for comb, 8 for wattles and ear lobes. This embraced the head and its embellishments and made a total of 43 points, while the back, breast, body, wings and tail all told were given only 20 points. By this arrangement health and excellence as a breed were sacrificed to a mere bunch of feathers on top of the head and we saw the breed dwindle in popularity till many an exhibition did not boast of a single specimen.

The White Faced Black Spanish suffered in a like manner by an over valuation. Head and face were given 20 points and ear lobes 10, making the head and its adjuncts, besides comb, 30 points, and we saw health and worth sacrificed to mere face and lobes. Do you wonder that these two races of fowls decayed, until in 1886 when the scale of points were amended. The Spanish were then given 6 points for head, 10 for ear lobes and wattles and the body structure increased to 34. The Polish crest was reduced to 15, with ear lobes and wattles 6 and head 6, with body, breast and wings increased to 34. We then began to see these breeds revive until during the past five years there has been quite an increase in the number of birds exhibited. Now, compare this condition with what the Revision Committee is offering us at the present time, which is lurching backward to a time that was fraught with disaster. It is now proposed to give the Polish 20 points for crest, 2 for comb, 6 for head, 8 for ear lobes and wattles, making a total of 36 for head and its embellishments out of the entire 100 points. This makes the head the pivotal point in judging and crest the prime importance, making the Standard one of feathers and little meat instead of meat and egg production, with feathers secondary, as any sensible Standard should be. The proposed revision can be said to be an improvement. It would be far better to leave the Standard as it is for another five years. There should be one scale of points for all breeds, as follows:

	Points.
Condition, weight, etc.....	10
Comb or crest and comb.....	10
Head, beak, eyes, ear lobes and face.....	10
Neck, shape and color.....	10
Back, shape and color.....	10
Breast, shape and color.....	10
Body and fluff, shape and color.....	10
Wings, shape and color.....	10
Tail, shape and color.....	10
Shanks and toes, shape and color.....	10
Total	100

All defects of whatever name and nature should then be cut a reasonable per cent according to the damage they are to the Standard description and all specimens scoring less than 85 points should be declared unworthy specimens and all score cards and prizes withheld. Specimens with crooked beaks, wry tails, knock knees and such defects as alter the Standard description should be passed without a score.

I. K. Felch.

Natick, Mass.

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The question of productiveness is certainly a very important one. We can hardly pick up a poultry journal without seeing an article from some enthusiastic fellow who has rushed into print with the statement that his breed are the best layers on earth, or words to that effect. Such statements coming from persons who have never made a test of the laying qualities of all the different breeds are certainly dreamy assertions, and it is not reasonable to suppose that we are going to give credence to all the windy stories we read. We also see articles, the writers of which claim that certain breeds of fowls have all the good qualities of all the different breeds combined.

That is another broad statement and experienced breeders will smile when glancing over such fabulous tales. A breed of fowls that combines two or three of the most important qualities would be called a practical fowl, but that does not prove they have all the good qualities of all breeds. Some people claim the Hamburgs are the every day layers and that no other breed will equal them for eggs. Others say the Leghorns excel all other breeds for egg production. The Minorcas and other breeds have a reputation for laying lots of big eggs, and so it goes. It would be stretching the facts, we believe, to say that any of the breeds mentioned were all around general purpose fowls, when eggs alone are their great qualifications. Someone says it is not an impossibility for one certain breed to equal every other breed in their very best qualities. We presume this is possible, but hardly probable that anything of that kind will come to pass soon. Fowls that have the tendency to breed to flesh strongly developed in them certainly cannot be as good layers as those breeds that have very little tendency in this direction. The writer is often asked the question, which breed is best, or which is best for all purposes.

We have never bred all the different varieties, but from what we know from observation and experience it could be simmered down to two or three breeds. The breed that would be best for one might not be the best for someone else. It depends so much upon circumstances. Experimental tests show that while the Leghorn and other non-incubating breeds have a great reputation as egg producers, they sometimes fall short of breeds that incubate. All breeds of fowls take a few rests during the year. Nature never intended that a hen should lay 365 eggs in one year.

It is hardly reasonable to suppose that we shall soon develop the highest laying powers, the most and best quality of meat and the greatest beauty in the same fowl. We might as well expect to find the best roadster, draft horse and racer in the same animal; the best milker and best beef qualities in the same cow, or the finest wool and best mutton in the same sheep. For years breeders have been working in that direction, but

when one quality is developed to the highest degree, other qualities will be injured or remain undeveloped. All the good qualities will perhaps never be found in perfection in the same breed. It would, perhaps, be best to recommend to a certain class of fanciers or breeders a special purpose breed. Some want birds for fancy or ornamental purposes, and they should select the most beautiful breed and those having the greatest possibilities in them to develop to a high degree of beauty. Others can select a breed that will furnish the largest number of eggs and work for that purpose or object in view, and those that raise poultry for meat can keep the fowl that best suits their purpose. Breeders who desire to keep a general pur-

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SOME THEORIES ABOUT THE FERTILIZATION OF THE EGG.

By H. S. Babcock.

Science has won its victories not by violent assaults and decisive battles, but by a long series of comparatively insignificant and inconclusive skirmishes. Position after position has been taken only to be abandoned. Truth has emerged from error by slow degrees. The old myth, that Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, sprang fully armed from the brain of Jove, does not represent the advance of science. Perhaps no better illustration of the slowness of this advance can be found than in the theories which have been invented to explain the fertilization of the egg.

By many of the early naturalists the ovum was held as the all important element. The function of the sperm was simply to stimulate it into activity and awaken it to development. By others the sperm was thought to be the chief element, and the office of the ovum was only to nourish the sperm during its growth. These early naturalists were thus formed into two opposing camps, and were designated as "ovists" and "animalculists" respectively. In one thing, however, the doughty warriors of both camps agreed; they believed in preformation, that is, the egg or the sperm was considered as containing a miniature but complete model of the embryo or adult. Indeed, it has been said that, in their views, "The germ was more than a marvelous bud-like miniature of the adult, it necessarily included in its turn the next generation, and this the next—in short all future generations. Germ within germ, in ever smaller miniature, after the fashion of an infinite juggler's box, was the corollary logically appended to this theory of preformation." Great names indorsed these contrasting theories, names to be conjured with then, and names which are sometimes conjured with now. Boerhaave, Malpighi, Leibnitz, Malebranche, Bonnet, Buffon, Haller and many others equally or more distinguished.

But in 1759 Caspar Friedrich Wolff gave the coup de grace to the preformation theory by tracing the chick back to a layer of organized particles—cells in modern terminology—in which no resemblance to the future embryo, not to mention the adult, could be discovered. A little more than a century later, Leenwenhock saw, or declared that he saw, the spermatozoon enter the ovum, but this important observation did not bear for him its destined fruit. Old theories had still too much vitality to permit the logical deduction to be made.

The true theory, of course, is that both the elements, male and female, the spermatozoon and the ovum, are essential. This view, as clear as it is to the modern student, had a gradual development. As Geddes and Thomson say, "Even after the nature of the spermatozoon as male cells was recognized, that is to say, even within the last fifty years"—this was written about 1889—"an old conception of the male influence lingered persistently. This namely, that contact was not essential, but that

a 'sort of contagion,' a 'breath or miasma,' a 'plastical virtue,' 'without touching at all, unless through the sides of many mediums,' was sufficient to effect what we call fertilization. The above expressions are used by Harvey, who further says, 'this is agreed upon by universal consent, that all animals whatever, which arise from male and female, are generated by the coition of both sexes, and so begotten as it were per contagium aliquod.' De Graaf attempted in vain to give more precision to this 'contagion' in his theory of an 'aura seminalis,' or seminal breath, which passed from the male fluid to the ovum. But the conception of an aura was only a verbal cloak for that absence of definite knowledge which the slow progress of observation still necessitated. * * * Spallanzani gave a death blow to the theory of an aura by showing experimentally that contact of the male fluid with the ovum was absolutely necessary." Yet, so late as the year of grace 1909, we seem to catch wafted across the fields of time, a whiff of this "seminal breath" in the term, "magnetic impregnating ether," used by a poultry writer to explain how a female might become "contaminated" through an unfortunate alliance with an undesirable male. So hard do old conceptions die! They seem to possess more than the nine fabulous lives of a cat; and even when they have been pronounced dead and have been respectfully buried, they are not allowed to rest in peace, for some intellectual body-snatcher, prowling about in the graveyard of defunct theories, will dig them up and attempt to galvanize their corpses into the semblance of life.

Modern theories of fertilization may be broadly divided into two great classes, morphological and physiological, the one dealing with the observed facts of the union of the male and female cells and their subsequent development, the other with the physiological effects of such union of cells. Into the details of these two classes of theories I do not purpose at this time to enter. Whether the male element acts as a ferment, whether the cells unite in a chemical reaction, whether their union is qualitative or quantitative, need not detain us. These questions are profoundly interesting to scientific investigators, but, in their present unsettled state, have little practical value to poultry breeders. But it is important to know that the sperm and ovum unite, and without such union fertilization is impossible. It is, also important to remember that such a thing as a "seminal breath," or a "magnetic impregnating ether" exists only in the works of the older naturalists who had not the knowledge modern observation and experiment have disclosed, and in the fertile, if indiscriminating, imaginations of some modern followers, and does not represent anything that the knife can dissect, the camera reveal, the X-ray disclose, or deduction can logically draw from the known facts.

While, as I have stated, the modern theories of fertilization are, in respect to details, in an unsettled condition, important facts are known and definitely settled. In respect to them, science appears at last to have taken a position from which it can not be dislodged. The full significance of every fact may not be understood—the revelation of

such significance will be the work of the future—but its present position probably will never have to be abandoned. If we compare that position to an inexpugnable fort, we can say that science will hold the fort against all assailants; but it will learn in the future more about the topography of the fort, its methods of construction, and the materials with which its walls and bastions are built; it will ascertain more about the ingredients and power of its explosives; it will better understand the calibre and force of its armament and thus be enabled to use its weapons more effectively; in a word, it will have a more complete and detailed knowledge of the fort and its contents, as well as the uses to which they can be put, without the necessity of tearing down, rebuilding and re-arming. But, as we have seen, science has been a long time in arriving at this position; it has discarded one error after another, as observation and experiment successively revealed their falsity; until at last, from the ruins of overthrown errors and discovered mistakes, truth has triumphantly emerged to plant its banner on an outpost which never need to be abandoned.



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The next annual show of the Wakeman Poultry Association will be held January 17th to 22nd, with Chas. McClave as judge. Liberal premiums will be offered. For premium list and other information address C. H. Figueres, secretary.

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DUNLAP, IOWA.

The fifth annual show of the Boyer Valley Poultry Association will be held at Dunlap, Iowa, December 17th to 21st. Attractive prizes will be offered and a larger and better show will be held than any of the past ones, which means considerable. Geo. D. Holden will judge. Write to E. R. Cadwell, secretary, Dunlap, Iowa, for premium list.

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MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

One of the best Indiana shows for the coming season will be held at Michigan City January 3rd to 8th. The secretary of the association is A. L. Peterson, 409 Earl road. He writes that the officers and all the members are working hard to give exhibitors a show that will make them glad they sent their birds. D. A. Stoner will do the judging.

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LA MONTE, MO.

The La Monte Poultry Association will hold their third annual show November 22-24, with T. W. Southard as judge. They are expecting a "hummer" and the members are all working hard to make it such. Good premiums and lots of specials will be offered. Mrs. Jas. A. Staples is secretary of the show.

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MONTEZUMA, IOWA.

The next exhibition of the Montezuma Poultry Association will be held December 15th to 18th, with U. J. Shanklin as judge. This will be the fifth annual show of this association and will be a good one in every respect. Jos. Morris is secretary.

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NATIONAL ROSE COMB WHITE LEG-HORN CLUB.

This club is preparing to issue their annual catalogue and all members are urged to write to the secretary regarding the matter. Their aid is requested in making the catalogue the best ever issued by a specialty club. Silver cups and elegant special badges will be awarded to members at many shows during the coming season. All breeders who are not members are urged to join and share the advantages of membership. The fee is only \$1. Write today.

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WAPAKONETA, OHIO.

The Anglaize County Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold their annual show at Wapakoneta, December 14th to 18th. This promises to be a good show which breeders should not fail to attend. The officers of the association are H. W. Loescher, Pres.; John C. Lear, Sr., Secy.; S. G. Case will do the judging.

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TENNESSEE STATE FAIR SHOW.

From New York to Texas and from the Dakotas to Florida the breeders are all making their arrangements to send their birds to the great Tennessee State Fair

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KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The East Tennessee Poultry Association will hold its Fifth Annual Exhibition at Knoxville, Tenn., January 5, 6, 7, 8, 1910. D. M. Owen, of Tennessee, and H. W. Blanks, of Louisiana, judges. The Asso-

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HAMILTON, O.

The Hamilton, Ohio, show will be held the coming season Dec. 6 to 12. W. W. Zike will do the judging. W. C. McKemy is secretary of the show.

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RHODE ISLAND RED SCHOOL.

The Rhode Island Red School given by the National Single Comb and the International Rose Comb Clubs, will be held again at Springfield, Ill., in connection with the State Fair, at 10:00 a. m., October 4, 1909. All Rhode Island Red breeders are invited to join the clubs and at-

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NOTICE TO ALL ROSE COMB RED BREEDERS.

The International Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers for 1910, at Springfield, Ill., during the State Fair. This meeting will be called at 10:00 o'clock, sharp, Tuesday morning, October 5th. All who are interested in this breed should meet at the Poultry building and attend both meetings and the School of Instruction.

TOM J. RIDGE, Sec'y-Treas.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

NATIONAL S. C. R. I. RED CLUB.

To members of the National Single Comb Rhode Island Red Club. The annual meeting and election of officers for 1910, of the above club will be held at the Poultry Department, State Fair Grounds, Springfield, Ill., Monday, October 4, 1909, at 8 o'clock p. m. All who can do so, should attend the School of Instruction and both meetings.

By Order of Executive Committee,
J. H. VALLIERE, Secretary,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

The premium list of the Tri-State Poultry Association show, to be held in connection with the Tri-State Fair, at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 28th to Oct. 9th, is ready for mailing. It is gotten up in a very tasty style and makes some very attractive offers, a summary of which follows: Regular cash prizes for every breed of standard poultry, turkeys, ducks and pigeons, amounting to \$2,000; sixty special prizes; thirty-eight cash prizes ranging from \$125 to \$5.00, amounting to \$525; fifteen cups and medals, valued from \$50 to \$10; amounting to \$400; two silver cups for amateurs (parties who have never exhibited before), valued at \$40; five juvenile premiums (exhibitors under 20 years of age), headed by scholarship in Nelson's Business College, worth \$50, and other valuable prizes valued at \$90, making a grand total of \$3,055. Such liberal premiums offered by a new association and in an undeveloped territory should be of interest to our Poultrymen: for it opens up great possibilities for those who take their birds to this

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BATAVIA, N. Y.

The Genesee County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold their first annual show Dec. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1909, in Batavia, N. Y., with Geo. Webb as judge. This association is composed of a live lot of fanciers who invite all breeders to come and show with them and we assure all of a square deal. We want to make this our first show a grand success. Premium list will be out October 1st with a good lot of specials. We will have a good light hall with light from all sides, so that birds will show off to the best of advantage. For further information address the secretary, E. B. Peck, 21 Chestnut street, Batavia, N. Y.

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ALEDO, ILL.

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NEWARK, MO.

A big poultry show will be held in connection with the Newark, Mo., Fair, Sept. 7th to 10th. The judging will be done by B. F. Dinwiddie, of Columbia, Mo. Catalogs may be obtained of the secretary, J. C. Callaghan, Newark, Mo.

COLUMBUS, O.

The Ohio State Poultry Association Company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000, shares at \$2, and the following directors and officers have been selected—Prof. C. S. Plumb, President, G. R. Haswell, secretary; Chas. L. Stiles, treasurer; Chas. L. Fischer, Wm. E. Hague, Hugo B. Hark, G. H. Haswell, John T. Heizer, Oscar E. Niles, Chas. S. Plumb, E. Earl Shedd, Jr., Chas. L. Stiles. The first annual show will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 10-16, 1910.
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Theo. Hewes, Secretary.

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Breeding Disposition Into Fowls

The Most Desirable Characteristics, Tameness, and Gentleness of Disposition Can Be Bred Into Fowls Just as Can Any Other Trait—Experience of a Fancier Who Has Tried It

By MRS. EVELYN H. WATERS



SEVERAL years of careful trap nest breeding and recording the results have presented to me many interesting and helpful facts. Many of these facts at first thought seem merely interesting, but on further consideration show possibilities of great usefulness. For instance, I have in mind the transmission of disposition from parent fowl to chick. I noticed a difference in disposition in the first fowls I ever owned, and I found it so interesting that I have observed it ever since.

I began raising chickens with a quartette of standard bred fowls, a cock and three pullets. The cock was quite wild. One pullet was very wild, another was a little less so, but the third was quite friendly. She rapidly grew more tame, and soon could be picked up at will. She would follow me about the yard like a dog, and came as near giving evidence of affection as a fowl could. Now this was not because I treated her any different from the others. If I showed any favor at all, it was towards the other three, for I was very anxious to tame them. I succeeded in taming them somewhat, but in spite of my best efforts, they never were as tame as 27 (the third pullet's band number and the only name she ever had.)

We raised quite a flock of chicks that season, and while they were still quite young I noticed that some were very much tamer than others in the same flock that received exactly the same care and attention. One pullet which was numbered 40 was exceedingly wild and in spite of our best efforts would never let us handle her. It was not until the next season, however, that I realized that this difference in dis-

position was hereditary. Then it was so marked as to be undeniable. All our chicks are so toemarked as to show not only the pen but the hen that they are hatched from. Hence it was not difficult to tell which hen's chicks were tame and which were not. Using the two mentioned pullets as examples, 27's chicks were always tame while 40's were always wild. Each succeeding season it has been the same, until now I regard it as an established fact that fowls have dispositions and individual traits of character, and that these are inherited and transmitted.

Now this may not be of any practical value to one who raises hundreds of chickens on free range. But I, who raise a few show birds on a city lot, find it a great advantage to raise tame fowls. They are much easier to wash and prepare for the show-room and do not struggle until so exhausted as to lose weight and general condition. In the show they present a better appearance to the public and are more easily and fairly judged than wild or timid fowls. In using a trap nest a wild hen is a great bother, struggling so it is hard to read her number, and breaking her eggs about half of the time. Moreover, my tamest hens are the best layers. While I do not want to say that this would always be the case, still I do think that a tame, quiet hen will do better in confinement than her wild, nervous sister who is always getting frightened and trying to fly through the fence. As to the disposition in cocks, I wish to say that notwithstanding the frequent statement made that "the best fighter is the best breeder," I do not believe that it is always true. My experience has led me to believe that the "best fighter" gives more of his time and attention to trying to get out of his pen to fight with his neighbor than he gives to his flock. Then in spite of all precautions, he will get out, and into another pen, spoiling the mating, fighting until he is useless as a breeder for days, and sometimes ruining himself or his antagonist as show birds. Contrast with such a bird a cock that is bold and brave in defending his

flock from invasion and himself from insult, but that does not go out of his way to pick a quarrel, attending strictly to his own business and leaving others to attend to theirs. I have such a cock in my yards now, and no bird of his kind could be a surer breeder. I found but one infertile egg in sixty-five early in the season. I sold my "best fighter." I wanted no more birds of his disposition on the place. No matter how good they are every other way, I have no time or patience to bother with them. Finally, I like a tame, gentle fowl the best. When a friend or buyer comes in and wants to see a certain bird, I like to be able to pick it up without

running it into a fence corner and choking it into submission. I like to be able to easily pick them up to see how heavy they are, how they are keeping their color, and for many other reasons. Consequently, when mating up my breeding pens, I consider disposition along with type and color. Other things being equal, I give the good dispositioned bird the preference, and have disposed of many a good specimen simply because it had a disagreeable disposition. Consequently I am raising birds that are easy to handle, and are a source of pleasure and satisfaction.

Kansas City, Mo.

What Are Your Ideas About This?

An Old-Time Breeder Has a Few Things to Say About the Prices Asked for Eggs for Hatching. What Are They Worth and What Influences the Price?

By DR. H. F. BALLARD

I NOTICED during the past egg season that eggs were advertised for hatching at prices ranging from 50c per 20 to \$50 per 13. How any person can afford to sell eggs from thoroughbred stock at the first figure, or find a buyer at the latter is beyond me. At the same time I believe the average prices of eggs for hatching are much too low. There are probably more eggs sold at \$2 per setting than at any other price. I have looked through a number of journals and find more ads at that price than at any other. There are so many things to consider in making the prices on eggs that it is hard to form any definite conclusion from a buyer's standpoint. Most buyers seem to have an idea that the quality governs the price, though there are a few who know that this does not always hold good. Under an ideal system it would be true, but we have no such ideal; each breeder and buyer is a law unto himself.

Assuming such an ideal, however, what should the quality of birds be from which we sell eggs at \$2 per setting? They ought to score from 87 to 91 points. A few breeders will have birds scoring higher, but the number of such are few indeed.

If the price is \$3 per setting the scores should run from 90 to 92, and for \$5 they should score 90 to 95. In pens made up at the above scores, the \$5 eggs would be the cheapest. Now I will relate my experience for the last egg season.

I mated five pens. The birds were scored by Pierce and Le Duc, from 86 to 94 points. I mated five pens of 50 females according to my own notions, without any regard to the scores as given by the judges. Then I looked over the score cards and found I had one hen score 94 in the poorest pen, and nothing over 93 in the best one. There was also one pullet scoring 94 in the second pen, though the average scores were higher in the best pens. The truth is I did not agree with the judges in the scoring, and I never pay the least attention to the scores when it comes to mating.

Now what was the result on the buyers? All the eggs I sold but one setting were from the \$2 and

\$5 eggs, but I ought to say that a few ordered eggs without getting a circular giving the scores, or direct from my ads.

I had two reasons for making the different prices on eggs: First, because I wanted to raise most of my chicks from what I considered the best pens, so I raised the prices on them. Then I wanted to see what the effect would be on the buyers of having differed priced eggs. My conclusion is that about three buyers out of four will take the cheaper eggs. I do not think that pays, but if they are satisfied, I am. The editor of this paper in looking over my poorest pen said I had given them value received.

When a flock of 56 birds in the breeding pens contain but four birds scoring under 90 not counting weight, I think the prices are low enough.

Again, the supply of eggs governs the price. If a breeder has but a very few good birds he is inclined to put his prices a little higher, because he only cares to sell a very few.

Then again the demand for the eggs influences the seller in making his prices; if he has a large number of fowls, does very little advertising and makes very few sales, he is inclined to keep reducing his prices until he hardly gets enough above market prices to pay his advertising bills, and the quality of his stock is apt to suffer also. What he should do under such conditions is to cull them out, show his birds, win some prizes on them and raise his prices.

Here is another argument in favor of higher prices for eggs. Suppose you have a pen scoring 188, or each bird 94. Each hen ought to be good for three settings of eggs. If people find out the quality of such a pen, you will sell so many that you will have none left for your own use.

I saw a statement some time ago in answer to the question, "What price should be placed on eggs from a hen costing \$100?" and the reply was \$5.00 per setting. According to that price, such a hen would have to lay 20 settings of eggs to pay for herself, which would take at least five years. If I owned a hen that I thought was worth \$100 I should place her eggs at least \$50 per setting.

A hen from which you are selling eggs at \$2 surely ought to be worth \$2, because she is good for at least three settings in a season which would be worth \$6. You see there are a number of ways of figuring. I should like to see the views of other breeders printed in *POULTRY FANCIER*.

Chenoa, Ill.

Developing Black Varieties for Show

How to Properly Molt Them. How to Feed and Handle Both Young and Old Birds. How Intense Black and Sheen is Produced. Special Reference to R. C. Black Minorcas

By LLOYD C. MISHLER

INEXPERIENCED breeders, as a rule, do not begin in time to prepare their birds for exhibition. The cocks and hens should receive special care from the time they begin to molt until the day of judging and young stock should not be neglected at any time during their life.

Just as soon as I can fill the last of my egg orders I break up my breeding pens. The best exhibition hens are placed in a yard to themselves, which is almost completely covered with small trees and berry bushes. They are compelled to be in the shade most of the time and this is certainly pleasing to them during the months of July, August and September. They have ample roosting room and plenty of ventilation. I am especially careful to see that they are absolutely free from lice.

By June 1st I quit feeding yellow corn almost entirely. What little corn that is fed to the adult stock during the summer is white. I find that yellow corn will have a tendency to produce purple and brass in the plumage where we desire a fine green sheen. The hens have access to grit, oyster shells, beef scraps and a mixture of bran and middlings at all times. Wheat is scattered in litter. Feeds of oats, soaked in cold water, sprouted oats and a mash made of one-half portion ground oats, one-fourth portion each of bran and middlings are alternated and fed each evening about four o'clock. A small portion of beef scraps, charcoal, salt and granulated bone, are added to the mash. This is mixed with cold water, to which has previously been added tincture of iron. Place in enough of the iron solution so that it can be tasted, but not too much that the hens will refuse to eat it. The iron is important as it keeps the blood in excellent condition. Black fowls, which are given tincture of iron regularly, always show up with a good solid black color and are richly glossed with the green sheen so much desired on exhibition specimens. As corn is left out of the ration before the hens stop laying, preparatory to getting their new coat of feathers, they become much reduced in weight. I find that a hen will come through the molt in much better shape if she is about a pound under her natural weight at the beginning. Hens usually gain one-half to one pound and cock birds one pound or more after their first molt over and above their former natural weight.

The cock birds are placed in good sized yards which are well shaded. If two or more can be placed together without either of them being afraid to eat and take care of himself without fighting the other, it will take less room and care. There is nothing nicer than to see two or three big Minorca cock birds living peaceably together. I do not find it advisable to leave the males entirely without fe-

males, and hence each male is furnished with one or two hens for company. Hens which you are not particular about putting on exhibition are to be selected for this purpose, as they will not molt out nicely. The feeding of the cock birds is like that for the exhibition hens. Cocks are more liable to be infested with lice than hens, as they do not dust themselves so much. Hence this should be looked after carefully.

In handling the birds great care must be taken that no new feathers are broken or pin feathers injured at the base. If so, a white spot is liable to appear on the feather at that place. I rather find it advisable not to handle the birds during the molt any more than is absolutely necessary. A broken wing feather means a severe cut and spoils a bird's chance of winning. Do not allow children or stock to excite the birds or make them fly against the fences.

I do not believe there is anyone who is trying to get birds in shape for exhibition but who would see that they had access to pure water at all times. Green feed is just as important. This helps to keep the digestive system in order and promote health.

My young stock has free range. Their colony houses are situated on grass plots which extend through between rows of young fruit trees. The trees and every other space between them is cultivated, thus the chicks have grass and loose ground to roam over. The cultivated spaces between the trees are planted to potatoes and sunflowers. Both furnish shade and are a source of considerable income. Nearly all the feed for the chicks is given to them in hoppers. Until threshing time they are fed on prepared chick and developing feeds of good quality as the main diet. Also beef scraps, granulated bone, oyster shells, grit, charcoal, bran-middlings mixture are given in separate compartments in the hoppers. As the prepared chick feeds nearly all contain yellow corn it is necessary to stop feeding this as soon as the earliest chicks begin to take on their adult plumage. Then cracked white corn and wheat are fed in the hoppers. Every other day a cold mash similar to that given to the adult fowls is fed. The more oats you can make them eat the better. It is one of the best color and growth feeds obtainable.

Rain and wind are injurious to proper color production, hence good substantial buildings should be given them for roosting room. These should be well ventilated. My colony houses have the south side nearly all open during summer, while the east and west ends are covered with burlap only. If you have a good strain of Black Minorcas and care for them properly, furnishing the right sort of feed and shelter, you will have no trouble producing a good exhibition color on them.

This is the first of a series of short articles I shall furnish *POULTRY FANCIER* readers on the subject of "Preparing Rose Comb Black Minorcas for Exhibition," but what is written herein and in the following articles will also apply to other black breeds. My next article will deal with the care and training of the fowls from October first to the time of the show.

North Manchester, Ind.

Reflections, Thoughts for Earnest Fanciers

A Look Into the Deeper Phases of Breeding. Success in the Production of Standard Bred Fowls Depends Upon Intelligent and Systematic Mating

By J. F. DAVIS

FANCIERS "are born, not made." The Exhibition season is the spring time whose general atmosphere calls forth the bud and blossom which develops into ripe fruit of endeavor and achievement. Could all the "fancier product of our shows be quickened into sound judgement, as well as into zealous pursuit, how much of disappointment, chagrin and loss would be avoided.

At the close of the twentieth day of incubation we can distinctly feel the pulsations of life in the shell. Precisely what will come forth we cannot say, but of this we feel sure that nothing will be permitted to abort nature's processes and the embryo will be a chick tomorrow. What nightmare visions would cease could we feel as morally certain of our awakening fanciers! We feel the surgings of life as they jostle us or engage our attention in the show room, but will tomorrow bring forth a normal entity or "a mere anatomy, a mountebank, a threadbare juggler, a fortune teller, a needy hollow-eyed, sharp looking wretch; a living dead man?" It all depends. Keep the adaptations, qualities, possibilities pure and the wines are as certain as any other process of nature.

Without question, Nature is the unpeered breeder. Our failures do not arise from our observance of nature, but from our interruptions or violations of nature's processes. "Laws," said Beecher, "are not masters, but servants, and he rules them who obeys them." Calton observes, "Law and equity are two things which God hath joined together, but which man hath put asunder." Let equity stand for that which we signify by the phrase, "balancing defects," and most poultry breeders stand under the condemnation of the Jurists' deliverance. The wise man will study a chart before he puts out to sea.

Consider the question of foundation. There is a smack of wisdom about the idea of putting two bests together to produce a better. The hungry novice distributes his buying, trades around, with the air of a fellow who is doing things, confident that he knows how. But there is a hard hearted fallacy in the logic of mixed blood in breeding. About the surest and quickest way to found a museum, or bring forth a gigantic folly is to mix two equally strong strains of different bloods. There are other guessing contests as full of interest, much more economical and sane.

The novice is not alone. Some experienced breeders have a passion for tinkering with new blood, and every year dabble in foreign qualities of which they know very little or nothing at all. The practice has an appearance of virtue in that it avoids mating related fowls. But Nature suggests a word. Nature has no means for transporting new blood from remote corners of the earth to infuse vigor into

decaying species. Whatever renewal was given came from flocks in contiguous territory, reared under practically the same conditions of life. How near these flocks may have been related none can tell, but, certainly, they were not remote. The doctrine of survival is only another way of saying that the processes of nature are cumulative.

Today success comes by building. The ethics of line breeding may be ignored, evils follow the practice, but it is certain that the very best poultry is line-bred, and only those breeders are getting to the top who are doing interpretative, creative work. To be busy in the poultry yard is not enough, and may prove even worse than neglect. Even the ant leaves a hill behind him. The difference between a honey-bee and a drone is honey. Virtues are to be sustained, defects discouraged, excellencies cultivated, flocks, varieties, breeds are to be built up. The difference between the chicken-raiser and the poultry-breeder is constructive work and this only is winning work. No breeder has done his simple duty to his flock until he has built into it his own power of knowledge, judgment and volition; which is method, an ideal, an aim and a way to attain it.

"How do you mate your fowls?" No other question is so frequently asked of me. Possibly none is so infrequently answered satisfactorily. I, long ago, discovered that I must do my own mating; that however good the advice of others, it had no foundation in knowledge of my flock. Two prominent judges advised me against using a certain male in the breeding pen. This bird had remarkable vigor, a magnificent shape and abominable color. I had unwavering faith in that bird and mated him. I have never had his superior as a breeder, and after seven years find no ill results worth mentioning. And, so often I have only the so-called woman's reason, and aside from the mathematics and systematics of the case, can only say, because. But one may know to a decimal the theoretical mating and result, yet there is ample room for failure between the lines. Atavism, variation, prepotency cannot be controlled absolutely by scientific niceties. I used to go into the poultry yard with a sort of $2 \times 2 = 4$ philosophy, but I soon learned that X more nearly represents the product of haphazard mating. X is always a variable quality because the concrete value of 2 is never expressed in the abstract truth symbolized by the numerals. This then, is the first problem, find the value of 2—in plainer phrase, know your fowls. Where the lineage of fowls is known, and the laws of breeding are known and observed, the results of mating are practically sure.

We have all had some experience. What we get out of it depends upon intelligence and cordial acceptance of its indubitable truths. No breeder can face the coming season with honor until he has canvassed the past and fortified himself against error to the best of his ability. Very fortunate is that breeder who has written records to help him in bringing back his past, to utilize its imperatives for future direction. This is cumulative breeding, and when wisely conducted, is bound to win out. Frequently the advertisement declares "better this year than ever." Why not? Our flocks will constantly

improve if we are wise enough to heed the voices of experience, and intelligent enough to apply their directions.

Nothing more surely, vacates a breeder's right to seek trade or his claims to consideration, than indifference to his affairs, past or present. To ignore recognized defects is to intensify and perpetuate them, which depreciates the value of the stock. To harbor defects in ignorance is a sad confession of incompetence; a defect of observation, and the power of close observance is a prime quality of a good breeder. If it be urged that certain excellences are being introduced this year, that, for example, a superb tail or breast is brought in, my first question is, what about vitality? If vitality in breeding stock be ignored other improvements are pure assumption. We know that debility has the value of X which we are never sure of, only this, it will be greater this year than last. To put fine shape on tail or breast of a fowl, constitutionally weak, is much like ornamenting a corpse.

In introducing new blood it is always best to use a single mating. My own preference is for a female rather than a male. From this mating I select a male, and, in this way, keep the new blood under

control. There is a beautiful fiction about the breeding male. He is "half the flock." This is true only from the physical point of view. An old male whose vitality is undermined cannot be expected to reproduce himself. I mated a strong cockerel to old hens, the first chicks were all like the male. As these hens finished sitting, I returned them to the breeding pen with this male. They were in fine fettle, but the later chicks from this mating would not have been thought of as coming from the same pen. They were like the hens. I account for this solely by the dissipated vitality of the male near the close of the breeding season. Observations in other particulars have revealed like results and I have not been able to discover any facts that tend to impair my conclusion. I feel confident that it is practically possible, so to mate as to reproduce the qualities of either male or female as desired. The greater vitality of the one will preponderate against the lesser vitality of the other. Whether such matings are wise is quite another question. Decrepitude in any stage must be closely guarded against. This is a question to be decided on the spot by the breeders own judgment.

Griswold, Ia.

Now! Get Around This If You Can

**An Unprejudiced Statement of Facts and Conditions
Which Prove that in the Poultry Business the
Fancier is "The Man Behind the Gun"**

By A. O. BROOKING

WITH a few remarks I wish to compare the fancier as the salt of the poultry industry, the backbone of this great business and will attempt to show that without him the poultry industry would soon degenerate into nothingness as compared to its present immensity.

It is the experience of all persons engaged in animal husbandry that as soon as neglect on the part of the breeder begins, degeneracy sets in. It takes constant study, patience, work and the breeding from the very best individuals to be had to keep near to the standard of their respective vocations. Not only is this true as to color, but it is also true of shape. How well the breeders of pure bred stock know that to breed from an individual that is defective intensifies the defect, especially if the defect be shape in females or color in the male. Can any one even imagine the result to the poultry industry if we should eliminate the poultry fancier? Yet in every public gathering at which poultry is exhibited we hear remarks of disapproval, of disloyalty to the ones that are the very foundation of their interests. They attack his method of penning his stock. They insinuate that he is inclined to insanity to use trap nests, and when he pays the enormous (?) price of \$5 for a bird, it is with difficulty that he retains his liberty. Yet in view of all this derision the very ones that are the most pronounced in their ridicule, are using their best tactics to get possession of some of the same stock. When one stops to consider the different avenues, of the different branches and lines that the fancier has open

before him, it is no wonder that the poultry industry is increasing by leaps and bounds. Here you find one breeding for more meat, there another breeding for more eggs, here one breeding to combine meat and eggs, and there another breeding for quality and flavor of flesh and color of eggs, and so on down the line, each one in his turn giving us something better. This improvement is felt in every community, in every hamlet, town or city, not always directly traceable to the fancier, but indirectly always. Who ever passed a flock of fowls, no matter how mongrel they were, but who could see traces of the fancier's stock? Not always showing but one type, but maybe a half dozen different types, yet always proving the presence of the fancier.

How eager the populace are to improve, or at least thinking they are improving, is proven by the following illustration. A few years ago the Buff Orpington was introduced in this community, only one party had them. Now in riding along the highways one is impressed with the number of birds showing unmistakable signs that in their makeup there was Orpington blood. Take any place that has an up-to-date breeder there you will find, if he strives to have the best, others are striving to get possession of his stock, not always in a legitimate way, I am sorry to say, but nevertheless trying hard to get it, and then with pride point to it and say that is Mr. A's stock.

Now, my friends, how many do you know, outside of a true fancier, that would take the time to give the necessary attention to a yard of fowls provided with trap nests, to make the undertaking profitable. Note the strict attention that a breeder of pedigreed birds gives his fowls, how many trips he makes to his pens to liberate the layers and how carefully he marks every egg and what a strict account is kept of the number of eggs laid by each hen, and if she is not up to the standard in egg pro-

duction she is discarded from his pens next season.

Now comes the breeder with a flock of say 100 pure bred birds, he turns about a half dozen males with them and this is his breeding pen.

Next season he purchases his males from another breeder of the same grade and breeds again the same

way. He keeps this up a few years and his stock (like some claim for seed corn) "runs out." Now he will either have to become a fancier himself or send to a fancier for help. There is no other way open for him to improve. No, brethren, the fancier is the salt of the poultry industry and can never lose its savor.

La Belle, Mo.

Poultry Culture as a Side Issue

An Avocation Which Thousands of People Need Badly for the Sake of Health, Recreation and Financial Profit. A Side Issue That Can be Developed into an Excellent Business

By CHAS. McALISTER



HERE is nothing that is more essential to the physical well being of a man whose vocation requires him to be confined in an office, than outdoor exercise of some character.

Every man whose daily business life is restricted to office work; whose opportunities for proper and sufficient physical exercise are limited, and whose conditions and surroundings are such that he is, in a measure, deprived of the advantage of proper recreation and enjoyment that would be of material benefit in the building up of and keeping in a good healthy state his physical condition; whose office hours are such, that some time each day could be devoted to something outside the regular duties of his vocation, that would have a tendency to relieve his mind of business cares and at the same time be of great value to him as a means of relaxation, and improve his mental energy and physical being, and who has the desire to use those spare moments in a manner that would be of the greatest perceptible value and a source of financial profit as well—this man can fully appreciate the statement first made.

This constant application along one continual line of action, or business or profession, where ones energies and mental faculties are constantly being taxed to the limit during business hours, and where one is interminably under a severe and continual intellectual strain, does more to disturb and prostrate ones physical energies, than many a hard days work at manual labor could ever accomplish, and under the old homeopathic principle of "like cures like," there is nothing that revives ones mental faculties and invigorates ones physical condition so much as the taking up, in connection with ones regular duties, some light employment that requires a little manual labor, a little thought, a little care and attention, and for this a little remuneration.

There is no employment aside from ones regular vocation, that offers to the person who is closely confined by office work during business hours a greater amount of light physical exercise, and a more pleasant means of recreation, than to undertake the culture of thoroughbred poultry in a limited way.

To the person who can interest himself in this industry, and who can devote his spare time to it with the idea, not only to gain thereby physical

strength, but to enter into it with a desire to acquire a knowledge of the business that will enable him to excel as a fancier, there is a fascination about the work that increases as experience is gained, that inspires him to renewed action along a well defined policy that is formulated and acquired by that experience and that impresses him at once with the amount of study and thought that must be applied to enable him to advance with any degree of success.

The thought and attention that is required to be given to the culture of poultry is so at variance with the cares and duties of his business life, that, in itself, at once becomes a means of recreation and detracts the mind of the business man to that extent, that he forgets his business troubles in the pleasure that he finds in the consideration and prosecuting of his side issue. Not that he will neglect his more important and urgent daily duties, but he will often times find himself dropping those cares for the moment as it were, and allowing his thoughts to wander to the consideration of his side issue, thus breaking the monotony of business strain, and unconsciously, as it were, giving his mental and physical energies temporary relief.

Many persons have taken up the breeding of poultry as a side issue, and from a small beginning have gradually increased and extended their operations as the time passed by, until it has assumed proportions that warranted and required their whole time and attention. Whether or not, any person who takes up this occupation as a "side issue" and develops it to that extent, is an after consideration, and be that as it may, I desire to impress upon my fellow office men, who, like myself, are closely confined by office work, and are looking for some source of pleasant employment as a means of recreation in connection with office work, and that will not interfere or be in conflict with their regular vocation, that I know of nothing that will afford more real pleasure, together with a fair remuneration for the time and labor devoted to it, than the culture of thoroughbred poultry. I tried it and I have never for one moment regretted that I undertook the task. It is pleasant, it is exhilarating, it is instructing, and to excel calls for the best thought and skill that ones mind can suggest. It is profitable, and certainly brings the office man in closer touch with nature than he otherwise could expect.

Subscribe for a poultry journal, or two or three if you can afford to do so; read them carefully and digest what you read; look at the subject from all sides as it appears in them, and then if the beauties of the feathered tribe appeal to you, if you have but the space of a city lot, try the experiment. It will do you good.

Seattle, Wash.

Let Us Look at the Matter Fairly

The Fancy Poultry Business is No Worse Than Any Other Business—Much of the Criticisms and Complaints Lodged Against the Business and Individuals is Thoughtless and Without Reason

By CHAS. H. RING

WHenever I have heard a person express himself cynically concerning the ethics which govern the fancy poultry business, his reasons, when given, have practically fallen within the following category. As a novice he has either: First, bought cheap birds with the fond hope of raising from them chicks which would command high prices and win blue ribbons with the disappointment that naturally follows; or, second, paid a good price for stock which his later knowledge taught him to be of inferior quality; or, third, has heard of tricky transactions on the part of prominent fanciers of supposedly good reputation; or, fourth, has accepted as facts the unsubstantiated statements made by disappointed exhibitors with reference to the guile of their successful competitors and the dishonesty or ignorance of the judge, which is the usual aftermath of any show where competition has been close and rivalry high.

Now, assuming that this will reach the eye of some possible future cynic, come and let us reason together. Possibly your experience comes under the first of the above. There is hardly an issue of any poultry journal which does not contain advice against the purchase of cheap stock if the purpose is to raise chicks of superior quality. You certainly must have seen this advice, but thinking that it was given solely in the interest of obtaining high prices, you shopped around and finally bought the cheap birds.

There was just a chance that you would get more than you paid for, but it is a matter of long odds against one when he is no better posted on quality than is the average novice. Even if the seller intentionally overvalued his birds to you, considering your prior warning there are more grounds for self-blame than for condemnation of the poultry business.

If your experience comes under the second, your side of the question is more reasonable, though not necessarily correct. I judge that at least 75 per cent of fancy poultry sales are made to novices. Their comparative ignorance as to what constitutes quality, and its commensurate value, places them at a decided disadvantage where the seller is disposed to be unscrupulous. Unfortunately there are some of this class, but I doubt if their proportion to the entire fraternity is greater than in any other line of business. On the other hand there are fanciers who honestly believe their flocks to be of much better quality than they are in reality, and such a one might have been absolutely sincere in considering the bird he sold you to be worth the money paid. When professional judges of ability do not always agree, it would be strange if some fanciers did not occasionally make errors of judgment.

It is my decided opinion that a majority of misunderstandings are due to lack of knowledge on both sides as to what really constitutes quality in a bird, rather than knowledge to intentional deception, though I admit a certain amount of the latter. The business has many angles, like many another business, and it should not be viewed from one standpoint only. Owing to its nature it may lend itself a bit more easily to fraud and misrepresentation than do some others, and there are those who take advantage of this, though to their ultimate loss.

A fancier who takes dishonest advantage of his customers has a hard row to hoe, and it becomes harder as he persists in his methods. He must always depend largely upon new trade, for his customers rarely order a second time. This means a larger expense for advertising, with a consequent lessening of profits, for he loses that best and cheapest advertising medium, the pleased customer. Worse than that, he has a lot of dissatisfied purchasers always ready and anxious to tell their stories to other possible buyers. But, friend, do not join the chorus, or start a tune of your own, unless you are certain of your facts.

Taking up the last two items of your indictment together, hearsay evidence of crooked work is not always reliable and too much injustice is done to honest breeders and judges by giving it credence. Hasty accusations, unsupported by facts, would be made less frequently and publicly at poultry shows if the accusers realized the harm they do themselves, *honi soit qui mal y pense*, as well as the fraternity in general. Careful investigation has nearly always shown such accusations to be baseless in fact and founded mainly on disappointment and suspicion. Yet many a false impression of those engaged in the business has been carried away from shows by chance listeners to such carelessly made charges.

The point I wish to make is that the fancy poultry business is neither better nor worse than any other business, and should be judged by the same broad standards that we must apply to humanity in general. Leaving the moral side out of the question, and everything else being equal, the fancier, or the judge, who is honest in his methods, prospers as his dishonest brethren never can. Just as a mere matter of business it pays. It will not take any discerning fancier long to discover what a valuable asset he has in the pleased customer. His continued patronage, and that of his friends, secure to the fancier the maximum profit, inasmuch as no advertising expense can be properly charged against it. It is this asset that is the making of lasting success in any business no matter what its nature. Is it, therefore, reasonable to suppose, because a few overlook or deliberately disregard the elemental principle that would secure to them this asset, that the fraternity at large is as foolishly short-sighted? Such an assumption would carry with it the hypothesis that the average fancier is far below the average in intelligence, which is absurd.

Decatur, Mich.

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uable Standard bred birds which are the founda-
tion of all profit and pleasure in poultry raising.

August, 1909

Another A. P. A. Meeting Has Come and Gone

During the past few years the meet-
ings of the American Poultry Associa-
tion have meant infinitely more to the
industry than they formerly did. The
old Association has had an awakening
which counts for much in advancing
the interests of fanciers. The breeding
of standard bred fowls has developed
into a business of immense magnitude
and the Association is keeping pace with
this growth. It is each season getting
a firmer grasp upon the situation and
is making its influence felt in many
ways. Sweeping reforms that are last-
ing and wholly beneficial cannot be made
in a day. Time is required to accom-
plish permanent improvement and for
devising and testing plans.

The most important work of the As-
sociation is the making and enforcing
of the Standard of Perfection. It ex-
ercises this function and compels this
recognition without antagonism, but in
all other respects it has not yet reached
the position it should occupy, although
it is rapidly gaining ground. As re-
gards the Standard of Perfection, the
book which fanciers are using at the
present time is so far ahead of the
previous one that the two are not in the
same class at all. The illustrations in
the present book constitute the greatest
point of improvement and this is the
feature which will constitute the future
field for advancement till color plates

are used showing the various breeds and
varieties in their true colors. The color
plates of feathers which will appear in
the new book are a step in this direc-
tion and the half tone illustrations made
from idealized photographs will also be
an improvement. The Association is
therefore making progress as fast as
possible in the matter of issuing the
Standard of Perfection.

The item next in importance is the
licensing or controlling of judges. The
efforts of the Association thus far have
not produced satisfactory results, but,
as previously stated, it takes time to
perfect plans and to get them in work-
ing order. There is every reason for
believing that improvement will be made
in this direction and it is possible that
the plans of the Executive Board, which
have not been made public will produce
good results as soon as they are put
into effect.

In all other directions the Associa-
tion is also alive to its opportunities and
its obligations. It is surely gaining
power and prestige and every breeder
of standard bred fowls ought to give it
his encouragement and support. The
co-operation of local poultry associa-
tions, especially, is needed, and mem-
bers of same should see that their or-
ganizations work in harmony with the
parent body.

The De Graff Incident

Readers will note by referring to
the report of the American Poultry
Association on page 222, that Mr. E.
T. DeGraff, of Amsterdam, N. Y., was
expelled from the Association after
similar action had been taken by the
Rhode Island Red Club of America.
It is to be presumed that these were
good and sufficient grounds for such
action or these bodies would not have
taken it, but Mr. De Graff has the
right to appeal to the American Poul-
try Association as a whole at its an-
nual meeting, and unless he refuses
to exercise this right there may re-
main a doubt in the minds of many
as to whether or not he was dealt
with too severely. Mr. De Graff is
a very prominent breeder, quite a
large advertiser and does a big busi-
ness in Rhode Island Reds. That
his business will suffer by reason of
the above action cannot be ques-
tioned. It would seem, however, that
a man in his position would conduct
his business in such a manner as to
make action of this kind impossible.
It will be interesting to fanciers to
watch developments and note what
the effect will be upon Mr. DeGraff
and his business.

Leaving out of consideration the
personality of the matter as affect-
ing Mr. De Graff, there are two con-
ditions which have a bearing upon the
American Poultry Association and
the poultry industry. One of these
conditions is a favorable one, and the
other is unfavorable. The favorable
aspect is that the Association has
proven that it is not afraid to punish
wrong doers and that it stands for
honorable business dealings in the
fancy poultry business. The frater-
nity is also impressed with the fact

that there is a certain security in
dealing with A. P. A. members and
the members themselves realize that
they must do the honorable thing
in their dealings with their custom-
ers or there is a chance of their busi-
ness being destroyed and their repu-
tations injured.

The unfavorable condition is the
impression made upon the minds of
many that there is more rascality
and more dishonest people in the
poultry fraternity than are found in
other lines of business. Amateurs are
too prone to form this opinion, any-
way, because they oftentimes through
ignorance of values expect more than
the worth of their money or results
in other ways, that are unreasonable.
In this connection we call attention
to the article on page 219, written by
Mr. Chas. H. Ring. It contains a lot
of good common sense that should be
pumped into the heads of quite a large
number of people.

When the New Standard Will Be Ready

A great many breeders have a
wrong impression in regard to the
time when the new Standard will be
in effect, and the date when the book
will be published. The present Stand-
ard will govern all shows during the
coming winter. It will be a full year
or August, 1910, before the pictures
for the new book will be approved.
They will be submitted to the Asso-
ciation at its next annual meeting.
They will then have to be corrected
and plates made from them, which
will make it impossible to publish the
new book before October or Novem-
ber, 1910, or just in time for the show
season of 1910-11.

A Few Days Late

One of the rules which is rigidly en-
forced by *POULTRY FANCIER* is to get
out on time so that readers shall receive
their paper from the 16th to the 18th of
each month. The publication day is the
15th, and the paper is supposed to be
mailed upon that day. Occasionally there
seems to be a good excuse for being a
few days late, and we have one this
month in the form of the American
Poultry Association meeting at Niagara
Falls, which was being held just at the
time when *POULTRY FANCIER* should have
been on the presses. Every one of our
readers should be and no doubt is in-
terested in the action of the Associa-
tion along several lines and we have
deemed the report of the meeting of
sufficient importance to justify the few
days' delay which have been necessary
in order to get it into this number of
the paper.

Secretaries of shows are invited to
send us their dates and name of
judge. We publish this information
free of charge and will help your
show in other ways.

The demand for high grade stock
is greater than ever before, and good
birds will bring high prices this fall
and winter.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

Your Uncle John of "Bosting" will please read in July Poultry that he is listed forever as a "life membership" easy mark. Well done, Purvis.

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Theo. Hewes may have taken over the old Chicago F. & B. Association affairs, but did he get the debts as well? And this reminds me that I have a few shares of stock (\$7.50 per share assessable) and a vote that Theo. can secure at very low rates. C. O. D. Indianapolis.

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After this we will label our mentions of Uncle J. G. as jokes. Some folks take life too seriously.

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Frank Hare says "Benefits" are the real thing.

* *

Oh, what a job it will be for that dear Editor Rankin to live up and write up to all the good things his introducer says of him.

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Graves wasn't hurt much that time! His strong points have never been disputed successfully in public; at least not loud enough for us to hear it.

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The Eastern edition of the R. P. J. comes out November onest. Here's looking at you.

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If you think the Red boys did any kicking in P. F. for July, read what they did at Niagara Falls.

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Extract from a letter just to hand: "I placed my ear to the ground daily from August 7-12 and heard a great commotion, presumably Redmen, other kickers and G. M. C. Can you give me any enlightenment? Answer. See S. P. J. for Sept. first.

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A Selection from the Poultrymen's Primer.

A stands for Allentown and Wittman's big Fair.

B stands for Boston, John Robinson's lair.

C stands for Curtis, an unconquerable leader.

D stands for "Dead One," the non-advertising breeder.

E stands for East, where all the good birds grow.

F stands for Fight, if you tell the westerners so.

G stands for Grit, needed by both breeders and fowls.

H stands for Hewes, Heck, Hicks, Hare and other old owls.

I stands for Ignorant—such poultrymen should be roasted.

J stands for Journals—read them and keep posted.

K stands for Kellerstrass, he made 'em all take notice.

L stands for Letters, the ones the candidates wrote us.

M stands for Madison Square and Crawford's annual woes.

N stands for Niagara, where chicken oratory flows.

O stands for Organize, and some Red Men have done it.

P stands for Protest, which they made and have won it.

Q stands for Question—Will the Beaver bank pay the money?

R stands for Revision, the present one is funny.

S stands for Stock-keeper, where we get Drevenstedt's greetings.

T stands for Toledo, it wants the A. P. A. meetings.

U stands for Uniform, the kind of judging we should get.

V stands for Victory, and we'll gain it, you bet.

W stands for Wrong—the way Ring thinks they voted.

X stands for Xenodochy, for which poultrymen are noted.

Y stands for Youngsters, which develop into winners.

Z stands for Zeal, which makes experts of beginners.

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Results of Niagara Falls Meeting

One of the most interesting meetings ever held by the American Poultry Association and perhaps of greater importance. New Standard will be a model book with better illustrations and a number of color plates. Complete victory!

The first session of the 34th annual meeting of the American Poultry Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M., Tuesday, August 10th, with 112 members present. The largest attendance at any one session during the meeting was 153. Matters of unusual interest characterized every session and they began to develop before the finish of the roll call at the first one. Among those responding to the call for New York State was Mr. E. T. DeGraff of Amsterdam. The call was interrupted by President Bryant, who announced that at a meeting of the Rhode Island Red Club of America, held Monday, August 9th, Mr. DeGraff had been expelled from membership in that organization, and that at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board he had also

disclosed the fact that great progress has been made during the past year.

Some items taken from the Secretary-Treasurer's report will prove of interest to many readers. The total receipts of the Association from August 12, 1908, to June 30, 1909, were \$8,587.98. Approximately \$3,300 of this amount was received from the previous Secretary-Treasurer. \$3,589.18 was received from the sale of Standards and \$1,592 was received in membership fees. Some of the principal expenditures were as follows: Secretary-Treasurer \$875, office assistant \$394. Traveling and hotel expenses of Executive Board \$405. 50 per cent of membership fees returned to Branch Associations \$1,467. Postage \$330. Traveling and hotel expenses of Revision Committee \$640.45. Medals offered as special prizes \$290.30.

changes in the constitution covering the matter were not adopted. The subject was given thorough consideration at a meeting of the Executive Board and a plan was devised under which it was thought that the needed reforms could be brought about. The special committee appointed at the last annual meeting to submit a scheme to the Association this year refrained from making a report, the members feeling that the better course would be to give the Executive Board plan a trial. The plan consists principally of requiring all judges to fill in and sign a blank form containing detailed information as regards the length of time they have been judging, the experience they have had with each variety, the number of shows they have been judging each season and considerable other informa-



Some of the members of the American Poultry Association in attendance.

been expelled from the American Poultry Association. A motion was then made and carried requesting him to leave the convention hall. Mr. DeGraff's alleged offence consisted of borrowing birds to exhibit at shows, faking a bird exhibited by him, and advertising eggs for sale from birds he did not own or control. More than ordinary interest attaches to the matter because of Mr. DeGraff's great prominence in the poultry industry. It is rumored that he contemplates instituting legal proceedings to secure redress which he claims is due him.

The minutes of the last meeting, as printed and mailed to members were approved. The report of the Election Commissioner was made and accepted and afterward approved by the Board of Review. It was then adopted by the Association. The minutes of the Executive Board were approved as were also the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee. Reports of the various branches of the Association were read and accepted. They

Publishing Standards \$1,127.85. The balance of cash on hand June 30, 1909, was \$54.64 which would perhaps be wiped out if all the bills were paid which were incurred from June 30 to the time of the late meeting. There are 3,713 copies of the Standard on hand and if these shall be sold before the new book is ready for delivery the income from this source will be about \$3,000. There is still a deposit in the bank at Beaver, Pa., placed there by the late Secretary-Treasurer, T. E. Orr, but the certificate of deposit covering it has been lost and there is much doubt as to how the Association can secure the money.

The second separate breed Standard will be issued on the several varieties of Wyandottes. The report of the contest submitted by the Secretary showed that at the shows from which he could secure reports there were 10,476 Wyandottes exhibited. The R. I. Reds were next with 5,382 and the Orpingtons third with 4,859.

The problem of licensing judges was thoroughly discussed and the proposed

tion of a general and similar character. It is very probable that a great many of the judges now holding licenses will be unable to secure a renewal of them after the coming season.

A vigorous effort was made to have the decimal score card placed in the Standard and its use authorized by the Association. D. J. Lambert, J. H. Robinson and W. B. Atherton argued strongly in favor of the decimal card, but the Association refused to sanction it. This card was originated by I. K. Felch and its special distinctive feature is that the scale of points for all breeds and varieties is the same. The bird is divided into ten sections, each section being allotted ten points, making a total of 100. The card is and has been extensively used by a great many associations in the New England States.

The proposed change in the constitution providing for weight disqualifications going into effect November 1st failed of adoption, and the old date of December 1st will still govern.

In awarding sweepstake prizes the handicaps were changed as follows:

g—Sensational and Otherwise

any other when viewed from the standpoint of the effect which the work will have upon the poultry industry. The members of the Standard disqualifications. They will not be dropped.

All white varieties in competition with parti-colored fowls will be handicapped two points. All black varieties $1\frac{1}{2}$ points and all buff varieties one point. In deciding ties in cases where one or more birds score the same amount and the ties cannot be broken by other Standard rules, the birds receiving the smallest total cut in all shape sections shall be awarded the prize.

The rules of the present Standard relative to faulty score cards and the dating of score cards will be retained in the new book.

The proposition to abolish all color disqualifications in the Standard as well as some others brought out much lengthy discussion and perhaps greater interest was shown in this feature than in any other matter before the association. The agitation of it in the poultry

to the Revision Committee. This Standard is practically the same as the present one and the radical changes suggested by the Revision Committee were not adopted. The Buckeyes were also retained in the Standard.

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The first session of the 34th annual meeting of the American Poultry Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M., Tuesday, August 10th, with 112 members present. The largest attendance at any one session during the meeting was 153. Matters of unusual interest characterized every session and they began to develop before the finish of the roll call at the first one. Among those responding to the call for New York State was Mr. E. T. DeGraff of Amsterdam. The call was interrupted by President Bryant, who announced that at a meeting of the Rhode Island Red Club of America, held Monday, August 9th, Mr. DeGraff had been expelled from membership in that organization, and that at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board he had also

disclosed the fact that great progress has been made during the past year.

Some items taken from the Secretary-Treasurer's report will prove of interest to many readers. The total receipts of the Association from August 12, 1908, to June 30, 1909, were \$8,587.98. Approximately \$3,300 of this amount was received from the previous Secretary-Treasurer. \$3,589.18 was received from the sale of Standards and \$1,592 was received in membership fees. Some of the principal expenditures were as follows: Secretary-Treasurer \$875, office assistant \$394. Traveling and hotel expenses of Executive Board \$405. 50 per cent of membership fees returned to Branch Associations \$1,467. Postage \$330. Traveling and hotel expenses of Revision Committee \$640.45. Medals offered as special prizes \$290.30.

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The minutes of the last meeting, as printed and mailed to members were approved. The report of the Election Commissioner was made and accepted and afterward approved by the Board of Review. It was then adopted by the Association. The minutes of the Executive Board were approved as were also the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee. Reports of the various branches of the Association were read and accepted. They

Publishing Standards \$1,127.85. The balance of cash on hand June 30, 1909, was \$854.64 which would perhaps be wiped out if all the bills were paid which were incurred from June 30 to the time of the late meeting. There are 3,713 copies of the Standard on hand and if these shall be sold before the new book is ready for delivery the income from this source will be about \$3,000. There is still a deposit in the bank at Beaver, Pa., placed there by the late Secretary-Treasurer, T. E. Orr, but the certificate of deposit covering it has been lost and there is much doubt as to how the Association can secure the money.

The second separate breed Standard will be issued on the several varieties of Wyandottes. The report of the contest submitted by the Secretary showed that at the shows from which he could secure reports there were 10,476 Wyandottes exhibited. The R. I. Reds were next with 5,382 and the Orpingtons third with 4,859.

The problem of licensing judges was thoroughly discussed and the proposed

tion of a general and similar character. It is very probable that a great many of the judges now holding licenses will be unable to secure a renewal of them after the coming season.

A vigorous effort was made to have the decimal score card placed in the Standard and its use authorized by the Association. D. J. Lambert, J. H. Robinson and W. B. Atherton argued strongly in favor of the decimal card, but the Association refused to sanction it. This card was originated by J. K. Felch and its special distinctive feature is that the scale of points for all breeds and varieties is the same. The bird is divided into ten sections, each section being allotted ten points, making a total of 100. The card is and has been extensively used by a great many associations in the New England States.

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Mr. Fred L. Kimmey was again elected to the office of Election Commissioner.

Three sessions of the Association were held each day from Tuesday to Thursday. The meetings were called to order early and lasted until late at night. The volume of business transacted including the discussion at each session, made it impossible for members to be away from the meetings much longer than a sufficient time to eat their meals, provided they desired to witness the complete proceedings of each session. This condition of affairs made it necessary to dispense with nearly all of the lectures and institute work scheduled for the evening sessions.

Naumburg & Booth, 1532 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, Ohio, ask us to inform P. F. readers that they will have for sale Nov. 1 an extra choice lot of cockerels in S. C. White Leghorns and White Wyandottes. This firm is one of the leaders in these breeds and can furnish their customers with stock that will win. Write them for prices.

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J. E. Schutte, Lebanon, S. Dak., was one of the successful exhibitors at the Winnipeg Industrial Show last month.

He exhibited some of his S. C. R. I. Reds and won 1st cock, 4th cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullets. Mr. Schutte has many times demonstrated the high quality of his stock by his record in the show room. He has a large quantity of stock for sale this season which will win for his customers.

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We call the attention of readers to the ad. of Wild Goose farm, Chas. M. Smith, Mgr. This plant is one of the most important ones in the East. It is located at Copiague, L. I., N. Y., and upon it are bred forty varieties of Bantams and nearly 300 varieties of pigeons. The birds at Wild Goose Farm have a show record that is unequaled at such shows as New York, Boston, Hartford, Baltimore, etc. Our readers who are interested in Bantams and Pigeons should not fail to send for a copy of the Wild Goose Farm catalog.

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No doubt, every reader of Poultry Fancier will soon be purchasing leg bands for young stock and for exhibition birds. In this connection, we especially refer fanciers to the ad of T. Cadwallader, Box 960, Salem, Ohio. Mr. Cadwallader is one of the old time manufacturers of leg bands, and has several kinds. Prices and description may be found by referring to his ad in this issue.

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WITTMAN'S HOUSE PLANS.

W. Theo. Wittman, the well known judge and fancier of Allentown, Pa., has issued in neat and convenient form, a booklet describing his Curtain Front Fresh Air Poultry House. Mr. Wittman claims that this is the most practical, profitable and neatest looking poultry house yet designed. Some of its features are low cost of construction, a wide open house or a snug tight one at a moment's notice, allowing for variation of temperature and not a cold house, but the warmest possible house to build. Every foot of the floor is available for clean, deep litter and for sunshine, light and fresh air. The booklet fully illustrates and describes the plans, and the price of it is 50c. per copy.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

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MORE STANDARD QUESTIONS.

"For the good of the Order," I would ask the Revision Committee if they ever heard any questions like the following: Because a few men steal, would you make it lawful to steal? If some men commit murder, would you make it lawful to murder? If some Fanciers fake, would you make it lawful for all to fake? Some contend that dropping disqualifications from the Standard will prevent "faking," but will it add to the list of present fakers many owners of "scrubs" who must remodel their birds to stand "a ghost of a show?" At first it might increase the size of shows, but if it did would not reliable breeders and fanciers become disgusted and keep their birds at home? Believing the Rose Comb Black Minorcas are going to be it, I started with them last year and have some fine chickens, but if they "show the white feather" I will disqualify them, and if I can't raise a genuine Black Minorca I will try some other breed. Don't lower the Standard, but make breeders aim high to hit the mark. If there must be a change, let it be for the better. I don't mean by this that chickens must be doubled mated to produce the same shade in male and female or produce a certain "under color," as this is in opposition to nature's laws. Nature has been breeding beautiful birds for thousands of years, and they are just as vigorous and beautiful as ever, but are males and females of the same color? If Nature dare not breed for under color, are not fanciers attempting something akin to perpetual motion, or trying the impossible? Why is it that a new breed will "take the earth by storm," as the Barred Rocks have done and then be beaten by Rhode Island Reds or some other breed. Are these breeds better than the Rocks were, or are today, if they have been bred in accordance with the unalterable laws of nature? After a man who understands the laws of breeding well enough to produce such birds as Barred Rocks or Black Minorcas and they have been admitted to the Standard, ought not breeders be careful about changing under color or top color if it requires an unnatural method of breeding? Why are not chickens as hardy today as they were forty or fifty years ago? When I was a boy people used to feed corn meal and water until chickens were large enough to eat whole corn, and grit was never thought of. My father used to keep the hen coop in the same spot year after year, on a soil as barren of grit as any I ever saw, and the chicks never died. Why is it? Are not our chickens weakened by striving for the unnatural and impossible? Go ahead with the Standard, make it stronger rather than weaker, and we will try and come up to it. Make it

so breeders will have to produce the "pure" quill and feathers too or stay out.

C. E. Goodwin.

Ashtabula, Ohio.

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A NEW AND SUPERIOR WHITE WASH.

Some years ago, while I was off on a fishing trip in the far-back woods, where one would imagine it impossible to get an idea of value, I came suddenly upon the most beautifully whited buildings that I have ever seen. I learned that it was a cheap white wash, yet almost as hard and durable as the best paint. I have used the expensive, troublesome-to-make Government white wash—the only kind that you ever hear of when you write to a poultry journal for a recipe—but this is just as good,

easy to make, and very cheap. Let me tell you how to make it.

Dump a barrel of lime into a water-tight barrel, kerosene, gasoline, or molasses, add water gradually bucket by bucket until it is slaked, at the same time adding cup by cup, while the slaking is going on, and the mixture is very hot, common kerosene oil until you have added a gallon. If added in this way, the oil forms a curious chemical combination with the slaked lime, the product when mixed with water to form a white wash of ordinary consistency, giving a fine smooth hard-finish brilliant white wash. My plan is to fill the barrel up with water after the mixture has cooled, when a small amount of the uncombined oil rises to the surface and protects the wash against deterioration. Any unused residue keeps for years.

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No beast or fowl can thrive or do its best unless it can enjoy a restful, peaceful slumber at night. Sleep, balmy sleep is nature's time to recuperate and restore to tired muscles and nerves the vitality used up during the labors of the day. The highly developed nervous temperament, which differentiates the well bred hen from the scrub, is more sensitive and will suffer most from lack of rest. Undoubtedly the nearest approach to the ideal roosting place is the branches of a tree during warm pleasant weather. But the weather isn't always warm or fair. There are cold, wet nights when the leaves of a tree are not sufficient protection. Now, in building summer roosting quarters we should aim to retain the pure air and perfect ventilation of the tree and also furnish protection from the cold and rain. It is impossible for the winter sleeping quarters, with the droppings board to catch and hold the droppings, to furnish the pure air and freedom from mites necessary for perfect rest. On the farm, movable hen houses fill the bill. In the city or suburban lot, covered houses with open sides protected by screens; roosts four feet from the ground and free circulation of air under them are best. If sleeping rooms of this type will cure hay fever and tuberculosis in humans it ought and will keep fowls in excellent health.

H. E. McGregor.

Appleton, Wis.

MOLTING FOWLS. A GOOD TONIC.

The greatest drain on the potential energy and the general system of a bird is during the moult, hence they should enter this stage in good condition without being too fat. Some advocate a semi starvation ration before the moult. We would rather have the birds in good robust order. Their system is called on to renew their

feathers, not in recruiting up. As soon as an excess of feathers is noticed on the dropping board, which should be cleaned off every day, all fat forming foods, such as Indian corn, etc., should be withheld and cooling rations should be given, especially green food with oats, barley, bran middlings, etc., also a good supply of animal food, and the following should be given daily:—1 pint flax seed meal, ½ pint ground phosphate rock, 1 oz. cream tartar, 1 oz. sulphur, ½ oz. sulphate iron, from 1 pint to 1 quart for 10 hens, according to size. Shade is absolutely necessary at this time, this not only cools the system but acts as a tonic and furnishes the requisite materials for the new feathers. The male should be separated as it will not only prove of great benefit to him, but will enhance his value should you wish to use him next season, and will save the hens considerable worry. Experience shows us they pass through the stage in much less time and seldom quit laying entirely when following this course. So many advocate the use of

sunflower seeds but we claim they must be fed in large quantities to be of material assistance on account of the large amount of non-digestible matter in the husk, and the oil in the seed does not supply all the ingredients required. Again we do not favor the indiscriminate use of oyster shells especially in a limestone location, as in their crude state they neutralize the gastric juices and the birds fail to assimilate their food as they should. There are some who keep poultry entirely for pleasure but the majority for what money they can make out of it. You will find the most successful those who have sufficient love for their birds to study their comfort and we maintain these make from 25 to 50 per cent more from same number than those who look after their bare necessities, while it is only a question of time when they degenerate and necessitate new stock, so we should take advantage of the experience of successful breeders and learn to avoid the mistakes we have made. What an advantage it would be to all

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The man who has nothing to do after he reaches home in the afternoon but dress, eat dinner and go back to the city and spend his evenings at the theater or club loses a great deal of the best part of life. There is nothing so essential to good health as plenty of moderate exercise in the open air. There is no lot or back yard so small but hat one may keep a few hens.

Turkeys, ducks and geese all have their place but the chicken hen is the thing for the Suburbanite. A start in poultry keeping can be made cheaply. Partition off a part of the coal house or woodshed. Cut a large opening on the southeast side, when possible, and cover the outside with poultry netting and hang a curtain made of burlap on the inside; this will let in light and air.

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and the best information you can get, poultry journals are plentiful and talk (of the common kind) is cheap, but it pays to get the best. Subscribe for some journal that puts out good stuff. Original, not matter from "fields by others sown." Study your lesson well, pay close attention to details, do not change from one breed to another in hope of getting one that is self-sustaining; they all require attention.

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NEWS OF POULTRY SHOWS & SPECIALTY CLUBS

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The 12th annual show of the Cincinnati Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held Nov. 30 to December 5th. The judges are W. C. Pierce and Loring Brown. Premium lists will be ready for mailing October 15th. The Cincinnati show will as usual be a large and properly conducted one. The advertising value of premiums won at Cincinnati is not to be overlooked and breeders will find it more to their interest than ever before to exhibit at Cincinnati the coming season. Premium lists may be obtained by addressing Dr. O. S. Rightmire, Sec'y., 4140 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

MILLERSVILLE, ILL.

The third annual show of the Pana Poultry Association will be held at Pana, Illinois, Tuesday to Saturday, Dec. 14-18, 1909.

Officers of the Association are as follows: Pres., J. Edgar Turner, Pana, Ill.; Sec'y, J. A. Bickerdike, Millersville, Ill.; Supt., E. F. Karls, Tower Hill, Ill.; judge, Ben S. Myers, Crawfordsville, Ind. The success of the two poultry shows that have been held at Pana, together with the present outlook for the coming show, insures it to be greater in every way than the previous shows.

The enthusiasm of the poultry fanciers and members of the Pana Association; the hearty co-operation of the Pana business men; the push and ability

of the Association officers; the good will and perfect harmony of all concerned; all are factors toward making the coming exhibit of poultry at Pana a success in every way.

Pana and vicinity is rapidly becoming a leading poultry center. Many people are contracting the "Chicken Fever" in a most substantial way. Birds of quality are changing hands at a high figure. At the last poultry show, fully double the business was transacted than at the previous one.

Exhibitors and dealers will find that it will pay well to put the Pana show on their list, as it is one of the Associations that is rapidly coming to the front. Remember the date, Dec. 14-18. For further particulars address the Secretary, J. A. Bickerdike, Millersville, Ill.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The thirteenth annual exhibition of this Association will be held January 14 to 18, 1910, inclusive, and the members are all working in harmony for the best interests of the Association. Notwithstanding that this is the thirteenth annual, and that the show opens on Friday, both of which are generally conceded to be unlucky omens, the prospects for a larger and better show are brighter than they have ever been this early in the year. Usually the interest in associations and shows is at ebb tide shortly after the preceding show, and during the summer months, but this has not been the case with us. Interest has

never lagged, and at each meeting the members become more enthusiastic. Judge W. Theo. Wittman of Allantown, Pa., will be the principal judge with others to be announced later. The show will be held in the Auditorium, which has floor space sufficient to coop five thousand birds. Keep your eye on Charlotte, North Carolina, and don't forget the dates. E. G. Wardin, Sec'y.

DAYTON, OHIO.

The second annual show of the Miami Valley Poultry and Pigeon Breeders' Association of Dayton, Ohio, will be held Dec. 28th to Jan. 1st, '09 and '10, inclusive. This Association is pleased to announce that their first show last year was a grand success financially and otherwise and judging from the interest already manifested by breeders this will be one of the best shows in the middle west. They are well equipped to handle a large exhibit, having their own coops and one of the best rooms in Dayton. Dayton is a hustling town with a great number of fanciers and the local association have the support and assistance of the merchants and a goodly number of specials are assured. They have secured the service of W. C. Pierce of Indianapolis, Ind., for placing the awards. The officers are: A. G. Dross, Pres.; E. M. Abbott, 1114 Superior Ave., Sec'y., with B. F. Hewitt and W. H. Smith, assistants. Bear the date of this good show in mind and be with us to win. E. M. Abbott, Sec'y.

KENOSHA, WIS.

The first annual exhibition of the Wisconsin Lake Shore Poultry Breeders Association of Kenosha and Racine, Wis., will be held at Kenosha, Nov. 30 to December 6th, with Shellabarger and Hackett as judges. E. J. Huber is secretary of the Association.

PRINCETON, ILL.

The Bureau County Poultry Association will hold its fifth annual show at Princeton, December 13th to 17th. W. G. Warnock will do the judging. Premium list may be obtained by writing to Walter Asche, Sec'y.

GRAND LEDGE, MICH.

The Grand Ledge Poultry Association will hold their annual show, December 14th to 18th, with W. N. Wise as judge. The officers of the Association are Frank Whipple, Pres.; Chas. Tingay, Supt.; Jno. R. Patten, Sec'y.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.

The premium lists for the great Illinois State Fair to be held in Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1 to 9, are now being distributed and every poultry fancier in the middle west should have one. The list offers premiums amounting to over \$70,000.00 and in addition to the generous premiums offered, the Illinois State Fair with its immense buildings and beautiful grounds is considered the greatest in the United States.

Special attention will be given to the Poultry Department this year. Mr. George Cooper, Mokena, Ill., one of the most prosperous farmers in the state, is superintendent of the department. Mr. Cooper is very anxious to make the poultry show at the fair second to none and to this end has given O. L. McCord, Danville, Ill., full charge of the Poultry Department.

Mr. McCord needs no introduction to the poultry fanciers of the United States, being a judge and breeder of national reputation, and has had much experience in the conducting of poultry shows.

The poultry building at the Illinois State Fair is the finest of its kind in the country and this year holds still greater attraction for the fancier by the placing of new Empire coops throughout. In the past the Poultry Department has been sadly neglected, having been in charge of people who knew nothing about the arranging or conducting of a poultry show; therefore, Mr. Cooper and Mr. McCord are putting forth every effort to please fanciers, and the exhibition will be run along the lines of the best winter shows. A large tent will be erected just north of the poultry building which will

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ANAMOSA, IA.

The next annual show of the Anamosa Poultry Fanciers' Association will be held at Anamosa, Iowa, Dec. 27, 1909, to Jan. 2, 1910, inclusive, with M. J. Shanklin as judge. Write C. W. Metcalf, Sec'y, Anamosa, Ia., for premium lists.

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BUFFALO INTERNATIONAL SHOW.

INTERNATIONAL SHOW



POULTRY, PIGEONS AND PET STOCK
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The above cut illustrates the coming Buffalo show; notice the benign expression on Uncle Sam and the confiding smile of Miss Canada as they clasp hands in friendly greeting at Buffalo. Of poultry, pigeons and pet stock they will each bring their best to this "Great International Show"—Buffalo upholding the Standard of Perfection upon which is the friendly contest for first prize. This show has been planned by Canadian fanciers and fanciers from the States who are uniting to make it second to none in 1910.

Being centrally located Buffalo was chosen in 1873 as the meeting place of poultry enthusiasts to organize the great "American Poultry Association." In 1901 the Pan-American again established Buffalo's pre-eminence as a show city, and in 1910 it will again be demonstrated that the poultry fanciers of the United States and Canada were right in their selection of Buffalo as the place for an "International Show." The utility bird will have a place in the show and there will be a nicely arranged exhibition of dressed poultry and poultry products in addition to the magnificent exhibition of Standard bred varieties of poultry, pigeons and pet stock. With a long list of popular and competent judges from both sides it is an assured fact that the best bred birds will bring back the blue from Buffalo. The newly organized "Get Acquainted Club of Buffalo" will have charge of the entertainment of visitors. Banquets and trips to Niagara Falls and some of the large poultry plants are already on the card. The Buffalo Chamber of Commerce will arrange for greatly reduced rates on all roads to Buffalo during the show. Many Specialty Clubs have already selected Buffalo for their 1910 annual meet.

The developed enthusiasm for poultry shows and the unbounded confidence of Buffalo's business men in the manage-

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ment of this show, guarantees a list of cash specials never before equaled, thus demonstrating that "Buffalo Means Business." All communications addressed to the Poultry Association headquarters, C. J. Standart, Secretary, No. 309-11 Brisbane Building, Buffalo, N. Y., will receive prompt attention.

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DIXON, ILL.

The Dixon Poultry Association was incorporated last May and will again hold a representative show the coming season. Calvin Ott has been engaged to place the awards. The dates selected are December 27th to 31st. The Association has neat balance in the treasury and will offer liberal cash premiums. Write for premium list to G. O. Fuestman, Sec'y.

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ALLENTOWN.

The great Allentown Fair Poultry Show will pay \$20 for first prize on pens this year, and the prizes on single specimens are in proportion, this making it possible for breeders to ship birds from a distance and have something left from their prize money after paying expenses. Under the classification any variety of poultry, new or old, can be shown on practically equal terms with the better or more popular

varieties. Allentown has made a world's record during the last two years for the number and value of their special prizes. All are either in gold or in magnificently engraved silver trophy cups. No merchandise or similar specials are listed. The list this year is again large. Bantams are liberally remembered and even turkeys have two silver loving cups. For amateurs there is \$20 in gold for the best White Orpington male and female; also other varieties. Entries positively close September 10th. Write to W. Theo. Wittman, Allentown, Pa., at once for premium list and entry blanks.

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SALINA, KANS.

The Golden Rule Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold their next annual show at Salina, December 26th to January 1st. J. C. Clipp will do the judging. Many fanciers will remember that last year this association gave a free show. They had a great many birds on exhibition and the largest attendance in the history of their association. This experiment proved so satisfactory, both in number of entries and attendance, that it is the intention to give another free show again this year. A fine premium list is being prepared, showing liberal cash and special prizes. A copy of the

list will be mailed to all fanciers who write for one. Address the president, C. J. Page, Salina, Kans.

CANONSBURG, PA.

The Canonsburg Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold its second annual show January 17 to 22. T. M. Campbell will do the judging. Prospects are bright for a big show. The officers are John M. Nary, Pres.; Wm. H. Dunlap, Vice Pres.; Geo. C. McPeake, Sec'y.

HAVANA, ILL.

The Mason County Poultry Fanciers' Association will hold their second annual show at Havana, Ill., January 26 to Feb. 1. D. T. Heimlich has been engaged to place the wards. Premiums will be offered and a big successful show is assured. T. B. Drisko is Secretary.

RECORD-BREAKING PRIZE LIST FOR

MONESSEN, PA.

The second annual show of the Monessen Poultry Association will be held December 7th to 11th, with S. T. Campbell as judge. Liberal premiums will be offered. The last show was a grand success and the members are working hard to make the coming one better. For premium list and other information address O. H. Thompson, Sec'y, 121 Reed Ave., Monessen, Pa.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

The Little Rock Poultry Association will hold its second annual exhibition December 6th to 11th. S. T. Campbell and H. B. Savage have been engaged to do the judging. G. C. Watkins is Superintendent, and J. M. Foster is Secretary.

MEXICO, MO.

The first annual exhibition of the Audrain County Poultry Association will be held at Mexico, Mo., November 18th to 19th. L. E. McKee, Sec'y, E. C. Branch, Judge. There will undoubtedly be a large attendance of fanciers with strong competition and good sales.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

The third annual show of the Portsmouth Poultry and Pet Stock Company will be held December 13th to 18th. Phil Fell has been engaged as judge. The management of this show proposes to give the largest and best show in southern Ohio this year and it will surpass all other previous efforts. Premium list may be obtained by addressing F. H. Shoenberger, Sec'y, 519 Market St.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA.

The Beaver Valley Poultry Association will hold its second annual show on January 19-22, 1910, at Junction Park Pavilion, New Brighton, Pa. This is one of the finest buildings in the state for holding a poultry show and is located in the center of a manufacturing and industrial district of 50,000 population. Silver cups will be given to the best exhibits in each of the leading standard varieties and the cash premiums are as large as those of any show. The Association will have the money ready to pay all premiums immediately at the close of the show. The Association owns their own Empire coops and expects one of the largest lists of entries of any show in Western Pennsylvania or Eastern Ohio. All birds will be in charge of a superintendent who has had many years of experience. A. F. Kummer of Butler, Pa., has been secured to judge the show. This Association is composed of wide awake poultry fanciers and business men and anyone who intends to show their birds this season, should not miss this exhibition. Any further information will be cheerfully furnished by the secretary, J. Mays Ecoff, Beaver, Pa.

BRYAN, OHIO.

The Bryan, Ohio, show will be held December 13th to 17th. Jas. A. Tucker will do the judging. The secretary, Dr. T. E. Schriber, informs us that the show

will be a representative one in every respect and a hearty invitation is extended to all breeders to send their birds.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Louisville Poultry & Pet Stock Association, Louisville, Ky., will hold its next show December 6th to 11th, 1909. Judges, Messrs. S. B. Lane and Thomas S. Falkner. Address, S. M. Nuttall, Secretary, P. O. Box No. 2360, Louisville, Ky., for premium list and other information.

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The Baraboo Valley Poultry Association will hold their third annual exhibition at Baraboo, Wis., Jan. 11 to 14, 1910. This association has held two splendid shows and the coming event promises to be much larger and better than ever. The offices and members are live ones and breeders within reasonable distance should plan to exhibit and attend this show. E. G. Roberts will judge the show. Geo. W. Hackett, Sec., North Freedom, Wis.

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The American Buff Plymouth Rock Club offers as special prizes at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, September 27 to October 6, a beautiful silver cup for best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet; also four handsome silk ribbons, one for best shaped male, one for best shaped female, one for best surface colored male, one for best surface colored female. Only members are eligible to compete for these specials. If you are not a member of the club, join at once by sending the membership fee of one dollar to William A. Stolts, Secretary, R. R. No. 19, Indianapolis, Ind.

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NATIONAL BLACK ORPINGTON CLUB.

Beginning with this month all new members sending in their initiation fee of \$1 will be credited in full with dues to Oct. 1, 1910, and will be entitled to compete without further charge for all cups, medals and diplomas offered by the club to its members.

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Those breeders of Black Orpingtons who are not now in the club would do well to send to the National Secretary for a club catalog, of which there remain but a few copies. The price of the catalog to non-members is ten cents but is free to members.

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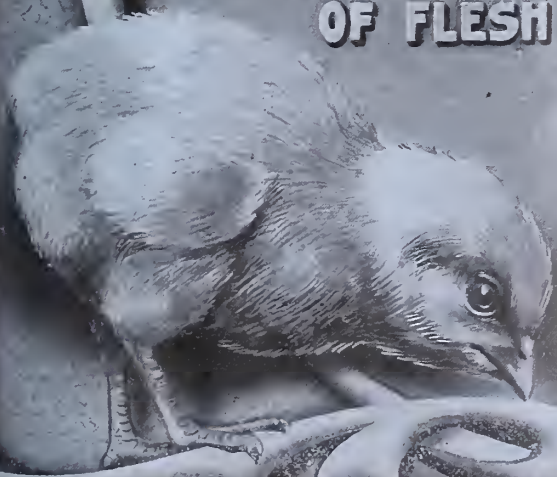
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In Time of Peace Prepare for War

Don't Wait Till the Last Minute to Think About Show Preparation. That Policy Loses the Blue Ribbons for Many Fanciers

By E. M. LONG



MORE valuable piece of advice was never given than the subject of this article. Not only will it apply in national affairs, but in our own private affairs—in the poultry fanciers' career, if you please, not in any one department of the work, but in all lines, such as feeding, housing, incubation, brooding, cleanliness, etc., but the one particular line of reasoning we wish to take up in this article is the preparation of the stock for exhibition.

We should not delay this matter of preparing our show birds until a week or two before the date on which we wish to exhibit. In case we find it necessary to buy a few birds to complete our string we should commence negotiations for their purchase early, thus giving ourselves sufficient time to put them in exhibition shape, or allow the breeders of whom we purchase a reasonable period in which to bring them to a high state of perfection, such as can be reached only by careful feeding, housing and training.

If we expect to show birds of our own breeding and raising we should have started in several generations back and should always keep the object for which we are striving, true exhibition quality, in mind. Great care is necessary during the whole life of our exhibition stock, as a few weeks of injudicious care will ruin the prospects of the best stock.

However, after we have the foundation properly laid the required shape, size and color and sufficient maturity—at the age of four or five months, let us say—we should give the young stock special attention. We should separate the sexes, selecting the

most promising of all classes, cocks, cockerels, hens and pullets, and put forth our best efforts on these particular birds. Males of a quarrelsome disposition should be penned separately. We should keep up a constant war on lice, dusting each individual bird thoroughly each week or ten days. We should disinfect frequently and thoroughly. Droppings should be disposed of promptly and a liberal amount of clean litter furnished. Wheat or oats in sheaf or clean, bright wheat straw makes the ideal litter. This will help greatly in keeping the plumage fresh and clean. Plenty of shade, either natural or artificial, is a necessity. Free range, especially during the early morning or late afternoon will help to keep the birds in a perfect state of health, but the rays of the noonday sun are injurious to the plumage. Especially is this true of the solid-colored varieties, such as buff, white or black. Plenty of good, sound wheat, oats, buckwheat, some cracked corn, bran, oil meal, sunflower seed, beef scraps in small quantities, will bring the birds up to that plump condition so much desired. Personally, we prefer the late maturing birds for exhibition purposes. We should not aim to force the birds to maturity, but just keep them growing. The cocks should be just nicely through the moult and with sufficient flesh to give them that plump appearance so necessary to take the first prize under a reliable judge. The hens should have finished the moult and be singing in a way that means "eggs to come soon." The cockerels should be sufficiently matured and moulted to be in the pink of condition as to standard weight and to plumage, but not overgrown or coarse. The pullets should have their adult coat of feathers fully grown, a nice pink or reddish comb and face which signifies that they are about ready to enter the breeding pen and ready to shell out an abundance of hen fruit. After the females have been laying they will lose, to a certain extent, this bright, youthful appearance and as a rule go off some on condition of comb.

Regarding the plumage, we should go over the

birds a month previous to the show and see that there are no broken or twisted feathers. Often a white feather will appear in some varieties, caused by some injury to the individual feather or the flesh surrounding it at about the time of starting through the flesh or while in a soft or undeveloped state. These should be pulled out and a record made of same. The new feathers will usually be of the proper color, and when they are we may be sure that this defect was temporary only and not due to any hereditary influence.

I believe it a wise plan when the old stock have gotten thoroughly into the moult to go over each bird and remove all the stiff wing and tail feathers. These stiff feathers are sometimes like an old tooth in the human family, the cause of much annoyance and future defects. We should be careful to remove all old stubs which are broken off and may possibly escape our attention.

We should use great care to see that these prospective winners have a place to roost where the feathers and comb will not be injured and where the breast bone of the young stock will not become misshapen. The legs and feet of the old birds should be carefully examined and treated occa-

sionally so that they will be smooth and of the proper color.

Although I believe style is hereditary to a great extent, it requires care and training to put the birds in the condition of temperament which produces gentleness and freedom from fear, which is so much sought for. We should make pets of them. Feed them something that they relish greatly. Handle them frequently and carefully. They will soon learn to know you—to know that no harm is intended. What we want in the show room is a bird that is void of fear, and one that has not been over-conditioned. A bird that has been handled and tamed, and has not been stuffed with fattening feed until its digestive organs are ruined, will as a rule have the style. A bird that is wild and flutters and squawks when the judge handles it or one that stands "humped up" in one corner of the coop stands little show of carrying off the blue ribbon. It requires stock of quality which has been carefully trained and conditioned, especially in the popular breeds and varieties, to win in strong competition of our present poultry shows.

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Secrets of Show Preparation

Second Article by Mr. Mishler and One of the "Meatiest" Ever Written. Full of Interest to Breeders of All Varieties, but Written Especially for Breeders of R. C. Black Minorcas and Other Black Breeds

By LLOYD C. MISHLER



I WILL presume that since the beginning of the moulting period you have been giving your stock the best of care as outlined in our article in last month's number of Poultry Fancier. Bear in mind that nothing will affect color and bring on purple or bronze in the plumage of black varieties any more than a short period of neglect in caring for them. Neglect may consist in the manner of watering, feeding, lack of green feed, crowded roosts, lice, undue exposure to rain or sun—in short, anything which will weaken the blood.

As a rule, our young stock are moved into winter quarters some time between October 1st and 15th. The cockerels and pullets are placed in separate rooms. A number of adult hens are placed with the cockerels, as by so doing we find that there is less trouble with sterile males the next breeding season. An adult cock is also placed in each pen of cockerels as a "boss." There will be less fighting among the cockerels. If you are intending to exhibit at an early December show it would be best to select your young show stock at this time. The less you move young stock while the adult feathers are growing the better color you will have. They worry for several days and are put slightly out of condition. But after the feathers are grown it makes no difference and for certain purposes is of advantage.

If a pullet develops and starts to laying a couple of weeks before show time it is advisable to change her from one room to another. She stops laying and does not reduce her weight or condition.

As a rule we find it advantageous to keep the exhibition cockerels separate from each other and without female company except when you have them in the exhibition coops for training. The pullets should be placed in flocks of not more than five or six. Hens and cock birds should also be selected and given the same treatment. If you expect to show any females in pens, decide as early as possible which ones will be shown together and let them get acquainted long before exhibition time.

If you are not intending to make an exhibit before January or February you need not select your show birds so soon. It is well to do so, however, at least six weeks before the time of the show. Thorough conditioning and training has a great deal to do with a bird's success in the show room. We have taken it for granted that the prospective exhibitor owns a Standard and has a fair idea of what an exhibition bird of his variety is. In selecting birds for late shows I wish to caution you not to select birds which are past their "ripeness." The proper time to show a bird is when its plumage is at its brightest. In pullets it is just before they lay. Those birds which may seem a little young, undeveloped and awkward in December may in six to eight weeks be your best show birds. We have made it a point during the last few years to select a show which occurs at a time when our birds will be ready for exhibition rather than to hurry or retard the development of the birds for any particular show.

In or near each pen where are the birds we are preparing for show is placed a regulation size exhibition coop (24 in. deep, 24 in. long and 30 in. high) about three feet above the floor of the pen,

The door to this coop should be the full length. If only the lower portion can be opened the birds will always try to get their heads down and get out. They must be trained to hold their heads up.

We begin our training at night by lantern light, as the birds are easier handled then and do not become so excited. They are placed in these exhibition coops and left until morning. If the birds try to fly to top of coop when you put in your hand, quickly place your hand over their backs and keep them from doing so. In flying they are liable to break wing feathers. The only way to get them tame is to handle them often. After a few nights' training we handle them in the early morning after daylight. They are given choice table scraps, meat and bread. This not only gains their confidence but is the best thing that can be done to get underweight birds up to weight. Many kinds of feed and just a little of each is the secret of success in getting a pound or more on a bird during the last few weeks prior to the show. As a rule, however, one seldom has trouble getting a good strain of Rose Comb Black Minorcas up to weight.

After a short time in the exhibition coops in the morning the birds are again placed in the floor pens until evening. As they get more quiet they can be caught during the day. If they are not easily caught it is better not to attempt it, as injury to feathers may result. To help make them quiet "tickle" their wattles. To make them raise their heads place finger under bill and raise upward. Teach them to let you handle their heads. To make them stand up at full height pat them on the back. In making them pose for you if you can train them to get a habit of standing with the right side toward the front of coop so much the better. This usually gives them a better side view of breast. Teach them to hold tails at the proper angle or a little below 40 degrees with the horizontal. Also to keep it well spread. Whenever you approach the coop and the bird will run its head down in one corner or let feathers on head stand on end you may be sure it is not ready "to be shown" and you might as well leave it at home. It is very advisable to place a female which you do not intend showing with the male while he is in the exhibition coop. He will expect it every time he is placed in it, and will always be on the look out when in the coop and any one approaches.

As show time approaches go over each bird and pluck all the broken body feathers. Look closely to see that there is not red or foreign color in plumage. Pullets often have gray spots in feathers of head. If a young bird has a gray spot in main feathers of wing and the feather is ripe it may be plucked, and a new one will grow in in about six weeks. Usually it comes in pure black. Be sure the old one was ripe and that the wing was not injured.

A new sickle feather will grow in about eight weeks and I have yet to see one come in with white on it. The other tail feathers will sometimes have white on tip if the pin feather has been injured.

If there is a red streak around the edge of ear lobe take the thumb and forefinger and roll the lobe so that this portion comes on the under side, thus leaving what shows of the lobe pure white.

By doing this often and stretching the outer surface of the lobe less and less of the objectionable red will show. Lobes may also be given better shape by this method. Lobes may be cleaned and slight red spots taken out by applying a mixture of zinc oxide and vinegar. Apply once or twice a day and let the mixture dry on the lobe. There are many ways of bleaching lobes, but the best way is to have good breeding stock in this respect and then prevent red forming on the young stock. Fighting, picking of lobes or blistering by rain and sun will cause red. The comb may be trained into better than its natural shape or position by pushing it into a nearer perfect form. A skilled man can make a good comb out of most any of them, but we always make it a point to make our comb alterations stop short at a point where the change would produce pain to the fowl. For instance, our gentle pushing of spike so that it would extend back properly we call illegitimate, but trimming of comb or crushing it is painful and faking. Better breed them right.

Look closely to the feet and legs for feathers or down. Down is sometimes found between toes on young birds and if once plucked it will seldom appear again. I do not consider this objectionable conditioning. But to remove stubs and feathers from the sides of shanks, below hocks, while a common practice, is faking. In adult birds feathers on shanks sometimes appear as a result of scaly legs. To prevent this, soak the fowl's legs up to the hocks in coal oil in which has been dissolved naphthalene flakes. One or two applications will cure this. You might as well discard a bird with feathers on shanks. If you "fake" them off and win with him you will want to use him in the breeding pen. If you do you will get your punishment by the appearance the next season of a larger per cent of poor birds. With an old established breed like the Minorcas there is no excuse for using such birds or having any noticeable per cent in the flock.

Next month we shall deal with the "final touches," shipping to the show, etc., and we trust that it will be beneficial to breeders of all varieties. If you expect to exhibit poultry it is your duty to put forth your best efforts.

North Manchester, Ind.

At this time of the year a lot of thoughtless treatment will be dealt out to broody hens which are only following the bent of their nature and in consequence they are many times cruelly abused by their thoughtless owners to break them from being broody.

Dousing them in a tub of water, tying them to a stake by one of their legs, putting them into a coop with a young cockerel and a lot of similar treatment generally avails nothing.

An impatient man will never make a good poultryman, it takes lots of patience, lots of common sense, and an abundance of the milk of human kindness to handle a flock of poultry, but when they learn that they have nothing to fear from their caretakers they will be as tame and as easily handled as any kind of pet-stock of which we have any knowledge. Common sense and lots of patience are two great essentials in successful poultry keeping.

What the Fall Means to Fanciers

A Few Pointers from the Experience of a Successful Breeder. An Outline of the Work Which Will Bring Success and Pleasure to the True Fancier

By EVERETT KNIPE



THE true poultry fancier is a lover of nature, for if he has the true fancier love for fowls he will surely love other birds, and usually flowers and trees, as well. Hence the fall—the death of nature, the forerunner of winter—is to him more or less a sad season, and as he walks through meadow or woodland he may, sadly, repeat the lines of Bryant's poem:

"The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year."

But, on the other hand, is not the fall one of the most beautiful seasons? It is to me; and what fancier does not love to see his young Rocks, Orpingtons, Leghorns or Wyandottes, with their first coat of feathers, rustling through the dead grass and underbrush or scratching busily in the heaps of crisp autumn leaves?—so bright and alert!—is there anything more beautiful? There is never a time when the young fowl is more beautiful or in a better condition of health. Through all the long summer the chicks have been running at large, getting the necessary vegetable and animal food and exercise to make them strong and healthy, but now this must change; the open, airy coops in which the youngsters have spent the warm summer nights are no longer efficient shelter; the food and exercise that nature has so nicely provided now grows scarcer and scarcer, soon to give way entirely to the north wind, and if the fancier wishes his birds to continue in good health and develop into early layers, strong breeders and good show birds he will now be carefully planning and making preparations for their winter care. As this winter care and the getting of desired results is no simple proposition, but is an art that only the born fancier and careful student can master, in this article I will give a few of my experiences, also facts established by them, that may save fellow-fanciers or novices a few of the disappointments that have come to me in my several years of experience along this line.

We will first consider the housing of the birds. If thorough development is desired it is well to keep the sexes separate except in the breeding season. The pullets may be kept with the old hens, and, while in some cases the cockerels will fight, they may usually be kept in a flock together; however, it is well to put an old cock bird in the flock who will keep the youngsters orderly. Do not crowd the birds. A small flock in each compartment or colony house is by far the best. The style and arrangement of houses may be largely according to the taste and means of the owner, but there are general principles that must be worked out in all. It is believed by nearly all

poultrymen of to-day that the "fresh air" house is best, and in my experience they have proven themselves worthy of first place. I have used several styles of houses and have found that, if the house has a good muslin front, is perfectly dry and free from drafts and has a warm roosting closet, little else matters. I usually make my houses of dry-goods boxes because they are cheap and when lined with roofing paper are as good as any. All interior fixtures should be movable or arranged so that every crack may be easily cleaned and painted with oil or lice killer. The roosts may be arranged above droppings boards and curtain hung from ceiling, forming roosting closets. These curtains may be conveniently arranged on frames hinged to ceiling. Cover the floor of your house with a foot or two of clean, bright straw in which grain is to be fed and grit boxes, feed hoppers, water fountains, etc., may be hung on walls. The houses should be on well-drained ground and, if possible, face the south. I do not think there is much difference in efficiency between the colony and compartment house if kept clean. Colony houses are more easily built of cheap materials, but are not as handy as the compartment house.

When the birds are safely housed our next consideration is feeding. This will vary with the object we have in feeding. It is very undesirable, I have found, to force egg production in pullets or breeding hens, as immature birds and infertile eggs are invariably the result.

There are many good rations for pullets and breeding hens and, it is needless to say, the male birds will do well on the same rations, although one does not have to be so considerate in their feeding. Such rations should contain more muscle-making foods (such as wheat) than fattening foods (such as corn). The proportion of each grain varies with its composition. Kaffir corn is not as fattening as corn, and I have used grain rations of two parts wheat to one of kaffir corn with success, although in cold weather more kaffir corn or corn could be profitably used. I usually feed my grain in the litter, placing it there each morning before the birds leave the roosts, and I believe this to be a very good method, as when the birds leave the warm roosting closets, unless they are compelled to work for their feed, they will at once gorge themselves and mope around in corners all day, often taking cold, resulting in roup. The best winter feeds that I have found are, in the morning, wheat, oats, or some such grain fed in the litter. This will keep the birds busy nearly all day and just before roosting time give all the corn they will eat, sending them to roost with full crops. However, mashers may be used in the middle of the day, and if they are fed the birds will not require as much corn, which is especially good in old hens. The grain is fine for young fowls—mashes are not so good. Many people being afraid that birds may get too fat, do not give enough corn. This is a mistake, as there is little danger of young fowls growing too fat if they scratch for part of their feed. Give them plenty of good corn before they go to roost if you want large, strong birds.

For old hens I find dry mashers very good. Keep a hopper of dry bran, ground oats and a little corn-meal in the pen and you will be surprised at how much they will eat. If you run out of corn try this on the young stock a few days.

It is important to vary your rations; watch your birds and use judgment in regard to this. I have varied my rations most successfully by adding a few handfuls of extra grain once in awhile. For instance, if using wheat as a morning food, I give a little kaffir corn along with it or give a small wet mash once in awhile in addition to regular rations. If meat scraps are given once a week they will serve as a little variation. Do not give too many, but just throw a few to the birds and watch them scramble. Once in awhile give a pan of milk instead of meat; it will do the birds good. Never make sudden changes in rations. It will not agree with your birds. Feed regular rations and add what is needed for variation.

Green food is very necessary and may be supplied in many ways. If a bunch of alfalfa hay is given occasionally the birds will enjoy it. Potato peelings should be fed cooked (never raw) and the same may be said of turnips, etc., but cabbage, onions, etc., may be thrown into the pen raw and

the birds will get good exercise picking them to pieces.

Sand or manufactured grit is necessary to healthy birds, and do not neglect a box of charcoal. This latter is very healthful and if mash is fed a little charcoal may be put in it several times a week. Give your birds plenty of water in clean vessels. It is well to give luke-warm water in the morning and do not allow it to freeze.

Now, Mr. Fancier, this is not a laying ration, as I have said before, but an excellent method for feeding young stock and breeders in winter—one that I have not only tried myself but have seen tried in the yards of my friends. However, you must not think that your birds will not lay on it, for if you do you will be surprised when you see them go singing about with red combs and to be having fresh eggs for breakfast every morning and to be hauling more off to town at "a half a dollar a dozen" and—what not? My birds lay all winter and it does not hurt them a bit. The same will be true of any flock if well fed and housed and its owner may fully enjoy the beauty of the winter without the thought of cold, unhappy pets weighing upon his mind.

Albion, Idaho.

Is It As Bad As He Pictures It?

We Hope to Receive for Next Month's Issue a Liberal Number of Letters From Readers Who Feel That the Picture Is Overdrawn

By W. H. GOUGH



THAT the reader may fully understand, or I might say, not misunderstand, this article, perhaps, I had better try to classify poultry raisers as I look at them. For instance, if we take the word poultryman, we find that it is given to everyone who has anything to do with chickens, whether he raises them for profit, pleasure or simply buys and sells, so to simplify matters the reader must understand what I mean by the various names given to the men engaged in this great poultry industry.

First we will take the poultry dealer who buys and sells poultry and eggs, second the poultryman proper, who raised poultry and eggs for the market, third the fancier, who raises throughbred poultry for pleasure, exhibition and profit, the latter being a secondary consideration or, I might say, an incidental part of his business; fourth the specialist, who makes a specialty of raising one or more breeds with the intention of improving and booming that breed, also tries by careful mating to create new breeds; fifth, the professional exhibitor, who raises or buys fowl for the purpose of exhibiting; sixth, the huckster, who travels from show to show with a string of birds that he feels sure will win enough prizes to pay all expenses and yield him a good profit; also the amateur poultryman, who keeps a few fowl just for fun and to have his own eggs, and then the amateur fancier, who keeps a few birds

of good blood and attempts to breed and compete against the professional exhibitor and huckster.

It is the intention or purpose of this article to show some of the difficulties that beset the amateur fancier when he enters birds in a show and tries to wrest the coveted prizes from the professional and the huckster.

Also I wish to show or point out the fact, that under our present show rules the amateur is badly handicapped. To illustrate let us assume that the amateur has bought from some well known breeder, "at a fancy price," several settings of eggs and has hatched out some very likely looking chickens. He looks in his poultry paper and reads that a certain fair that is to be held in his vicinity, is going to offer special premiums to poultry raisers. As he has given a good deal of attention to his stock and as he feels that they are fit to win, as the stock that they came from were prize winners (?), he decides to send for a premium list. Upon receiving same he looks at the tempting array of regular and special premiums and makes up his mind to send a few birds. Being new at the business he now turns to the page of rules and regulations, and one of the first to meet his eye is one that generally reads about this way: "The judges will be governed by the American Standard of Perfection, in classes admitted to the Standard, and will be instructed to disqualify any specimen they may find to have been tampered or improperly dealt with." Also, "And all specimens must be exhibited in their natural condition." So the amateur secures a copy of the Standard and soon finds that his birds have several little defects, that will disqualify them if he puts them in the show; perhaps he is raising white birds, if so, he may find several black feathers in his best cockerel, or it might have a sprig on one side of the comb,

or stubs on its legs, or white in the ear lobe when it should be red, or green spots on the legs when the Standard says that "legs other than yellow disqualify," so he condemns the man who sold him the eggs and throws the specimens showing the defects out of his breeding yard.

Now just about this time the professional exhibitor comes along, his trained eye picks out from the mongrels these discarded specimens and after asking a few questions, regarding the stock they came from, much to the amateur's surprise, he buys these birds that the Standard says must be disqualified.

The amateur is encouraged by the fact of having sold the professional disqualified birds, to make up a string for the show, but after careful selection he finds that he is short just one bird, so he makes a journey to a nearby neighbor, who raises the same breed and finds that he has got just the bird he needs, but in spite of all coaxing the neighbor refuses to sell it. Finally, however, he offers to loan it to the amateur as they are good friends. The amateur is just about to accept the favor when he happens to think that he read a rule regarding the owning of all birds shown, so he takes out his rules and regulations and finds that Sec. 3 says: "Every bird must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor," so he goes back to his yards and picks out an inferior bird, just to fill out his string.

Now in like cases what would the average professional do? He would take the proffered bird, enter him in a show, tack a card up on his coop stating that the bird was owned and bred by him, would take orders for eggs from the pen that he is going to have him head, and in some cases sell from his own yards birds that he claimed were full brothers to the borrowed bird. You ask, if I know of such cases, why do I not expose the breeder? Because it is a hard thing to prove. I know of a case where a professional showed a bird at one or two big shows, winning first prize, another professional who had done the first party a favor needed a good bird to fill out his string, so he took the blue ribbon winner and added him to his string and exhibited him as his property. To show the manner in which the men protected themselves from being accused of loaning birds this is what they did: the borrower gave the owner a receipt for a certain sum of money in payment for the bird, dated one day after the show, while the owner of the bird gave the borrower a receipt for a sum of money in payment for the bird dated one week before the show, no money changed hands at all, but legally the bird belonged to the borrower from one week before the show till one day after the show. A sharp trick you say. Yes, but if it is so easy to get around the rule for the professional, why do we have such a rule, as it only discriminates against the amateur?

But this is not the only thing that the amateur is up against, for now we have come to faking. We have already told how the amateur discarded his disqualified specimens and then disposed of them to the professional. Well, imagine his surprise to find in the show room, possibly wearing the blue ribbon, the white bird now free from black ticking and black feathers, the bird that had the sprig on the comb does not have it now, the bird that had the stubs is as free from them as a pair of pinchers and a little beeswax will make them, the white in

the ear lobe has been pricked with a needle until no show of white is left and the judge could not tell whether the lobe had been tampered with or whether the bird had been in a fight, and then, although the Standard says that legs other than yellow disqualify, the bird with the spotted legs is also a winner. All of this is faking. I have seen birds winning the blue that have all been tampered with as above, and I could tell of many others as well. Creamy birds are made as white as snow, a bird with comb that was so large that it fell over, was made to stand up straight, a bird that carried its tail over to one side was also fixed with a small wire at the base of the tail, a bird with a fish eye also had it changed with a few drops of some chemical to a bright red, white flecking in black birds dyed black, and so on. Ask me how to stop it and I can only say that I think a good many of our disqualifications are wrong. The birds should be cut more and disqualified less. This would do away with a good deal of faking. The amateur may take the judge up to the coop and show him the bird that has been faked, and the judge can only say: well, there is a doubt and I shall have to give him the benefit of it. So our friend, the amateur, leaves the exhibition hall a sadder but a wiser man.

Just a few words regarding the huckster: Although he is considered to be the equal of the professional exhibitor, as far as faking is concerned, we must be fair and give him credit where it is due him. The huckster travels from show to show with a large string of birds. Among them are varieties that the average person very seldom sees, and as he follows for the most part the fall fairs, a good many farmers' wives become interested, who would not think of keeping fancy chickens were it not for the fact that they become attracted by the novel breeds that the huckster carries with him. Again the huckster furnishes competition, and as his birds are always of A No. 1 quality it is just the kind of competition that the average fancier needs to make him keep up his stock. But for the professional exhibitor who is always out for the graft, who will use any and all means to win, whether he fakes, borrows, or cheats, I can find no excuse or word of approval.

In closing I would like to say just a word regarding the washing of white birds and getting birds ready for a show.

We hear a great deal about bleaching white birds, and I do not doubt that it is done, although the breeder doing so can not show his bird very many times as the chemicals are bound to destroy the natural gloss of the feather. The only way to do is to raise good stay white birds, then wash them good with soap and water and dip them in a tub of bluing water. Birds washed that way are clean and white, and are not faked. Disqualifying for stubs is all wrong, as I have seen birds brought into the show room free from stubs, and then about the second or third day show them very plainly. I have talked this over with old breeders and they claim that the heat of washing and the warm show-room is the cause of the stubs sprouting out. The professional accompanies his birds and stays with them until after they are judged, the amateur goes to see how his birds come out after the judging is done. If the professional's birds show stubs before judging they are quickly removed, if the amateur's

birds shows stubs they are disqualified. Is that fair? I say no. We want to breed our birds without any disqualifications, but we must give the breeder a chance, and when he brings a good specimen in the show room, with a slight defect, cut it,

cut it good and hard if you like, but do not disqualify, as nothing makes the amateur feel so badly as to have his choice bird on exhibition marked disqualified.

Meriden, Conn.

Another Authoritative View on Subject

**Factors Governing the Price of Eggs for Hatching.
A Few Thoughts Suggested by Dr. Ballard's
Article Last Month**

By H. S. BABCOCK

WHAT shall I charge for a sitting of eggs? is a question every breeder, consciously or unconsciously, asks himself. His answer is governed by several considerations.

1st. If he really desires to sell eggs, he knows that he must make the price one that buyers are willing to pay. Few buyers will pay more than five dollars for a sitting. I have sold eggs for hatching as high as one dollar and a quarter apiece—that is, fifteen dollars a dozen—but buyers at that price are scarce. At five dollars a dozen some buyers can be secured; at three dollars, which seems to be a favorite price, more buyers can be had, and at two and one dollar still more. The lower the price, other things equal, the larger will be the constituency of buyers.

2nd. But no breeder wishes to sell eggs at a loss and so he must take into account the different factors that make the cost of the eggs. These include the cost of the fowls, the expense of keeping and caring for them, the advertising bills, the printed matter used, including circulars, tags, labels and the like, the boxes or baskets for the eggs, the packing material and so on. Obviously he must get all this cost, in addition to the market value of the eggs, or he will be doing business at a loss. In order to properly distribute these items of expense, he needs to know not only approximately how many sittings of eggs he will have for sale, but also how many he will actually sell. A veteran breeder can make a rather loose estimate from the business of past years—but nothing really exact, for trade varies from year to year—but a beginner can make only the crudest kind of a guess. The only thing to be done is to allow a sufficient margin for expenses.

3rd. The price to be asked, at which the eggs will sell, depends to some extent upon the amount of competition there will be in the variety. If one has few competitors the price can be made higher than if one has many competitors. But the popularity of the breed, even more than the amount of competition, will influence the price at which the eggs will sell. If there be a boom on the breed, high prices are readily obtainable; if a boom has just collapsed the prices will have to be put at bed-rock, and then the chances for sales will be small.

4th. The quality of the fowls and the advantages the seller can confer on the buyers will to quite a considerable extent control the price. It ought to be the chief factor, but unfortunately it

is not always. It requires no argument to show that the eggs from a pen of fowls, each member of which scores high, are worth, other things equal, much more than those from a pen of low scoring specimens. Eggs for hatching are "the promise and potency" of chicks hatched. If the eggs will produce valuable chickens they are valuable eggs. If, let us say, from one sitting of eggs six chickens can be raised, each of which can be sold for five dollars, or a total of thirty dollars; and if from another sitting of eggs a like number of chickens can be reared which will sell for two dollars each, or a total of twelve dollars; and as it will cost as much to rear one brood as the other, there is an actual difference of eighteen dollars in the value of the two sittings of eggs; or, to put it in another form, if the second sitting is worth two dollars the first is worth twenty dollars. However, let us not deceive ourselves; we can sell a good many sittings of eggs at two dollars while we are attempting to sell one at twenty dollars.

Fifth: The seller needs also to remember each hen will produce but a limited number of eggs during the breeding season. If she produces three sittings she is doing very well. So in making the price, if one has a \$10,000 Peggy, he must get an enormous price for her eggs, if he sells any of them. Hens' lives are uncertain, and at the longest there are but few years of producing. I think it safe to say that the breeding life of hens will not average more than five years—a very few will go beyond that period as I know from having bred one valuable hen until she was ten years or more of age—while a great many will not reach that limit. Fifteen sittings of eggs is fully as many as can be reckoned on to be laid during the breeding seasons of a hen's life. From these fifteen sittings of eggs one must secure all the costs, expenses and profits, including the original value of the hen. The more valuable the hen the greater must be the price placed on her eggs. One could not afford to sell eggs at five dollars a sitting from a hen worth seventy-five dollars, for by so doing he would get back only her first value and be out all the incidental expenses. He would be entitled to ask at least twice that, and ten dollars would be extremely moderate for the price of a sitting of her eggs.

Sixth In fixing the price of eggs for hatching we ought not to forget the uncertainty which attends them. The buyer knows that the eggs for which he has paid good money may not hatch. They may be fertile but through careless usage while in transit, or through the neglect of the broody hen to which they have been intrusted, or through some wooden perversity of the incubator containing them, they may never become chickens. And even if they do hatch, lice, diarrhoea, roup, accident, cats,

rats, hawks and other foes may destroy some or all of them. All these things the buyer will and the breeder must consider if he expects to sell eggs, and the price must be predicated on this uncertainty. If I knew that a sitting of eggs for which I paid ten dollars would surely produce ten good fowls I should consider that I had made a good investment, but if I paid ten dollars for a sitting of eggs and was uncertain whether I would have a chicken from them, my investment would not look so attractive. All that the buyer can know is that he is putting up his money against an uncertainty; if he wins he has done well; if he loses he has done ill; and therefore he will not put up so much as he would if the uncertainty were a certainty. And the seller ought to realize this.

In view of these considerations, which by no means exhaust the subject, good eggs for hatching will probably continue to sell for about \$3 per dozen; superior eggs at \$4 and \$5; and eggs from phenomenal hens at \$10 and upwards. But the sales at prices above \$5 per dozen will be comparatively few in number, except in the time of a boom, and booms are about as erratic in coming as comets are supposed to be in their courses. You can not figure upon booms. If you ever get into one be thankful that you get in early and get out before the collapse. In the meantime fix the price for eggs for hatching at figures which will leave you a reasonable profit and will not be prohibitive to the would-be purchaser.

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Results of Thoughtless Handling, Etc.

A Number of Important Matters that Fanciers Need to Consider. Some Reasons Why We Have Fewer Show Specimens

By REV. CARL E. PETERSON

WE stood watching one of our neighbors the other day moving his chickens from one coop to another and the method pursued was to take as many as he could get hold of by the legs and then with their heads hanging down he carried them for quite a distance and without further notice flung them into the other coop.

Now this very person is not by any means a cruel man nor did he intend to treat his chickens in an abusive manner, but he was simply following in the way of hundreds of other poultrymen who he had seen handle their chickens in the same way.

It is easily seen that such a method of handling stock is simply cruel and fraught with trouble to the person who does it, as there is a rush of blood to the head of the chickens that may lay the foundation for many of the common ailments in poultry and we have no doubt in our own mind that many a chicken found dead in the coop, and some times under the roost, was first treated in this way by some unthinking person.

The right way to move young stock, that is, half grown chicks, is to take a large basket and throw some chaff into the bottom of it and put the chickens into it and then remove them to the place where they are wanted.

With old stock they should be handled just as carefully and the legs firmly seized, and the head of the bird should come out right under the arm of the person who is carrying it. Never take a bird by its legs with head hanging down if you do not want the bird to suffer from the consequences, or perhaps lose it by the rupturing of some of the veins in the brains of the bird.

Another foolish performance is to chase a chicken all over the yard, person out of temper, chicken scared to death, and panting for dear life, and if it was not because of the injury generally done to the bird it would be as laughable today as when James M. Bailey gave his vivid description of the

matter in a piece of humorous prose entitled "Driving a Hen" which is now a classic and which I will here quote for its humor and common sense: "When a woman has a hen to drive into the coop, she takes hold of her skirts with both hands, and shakes them quietly toward the delinquent, and says, 'Shew, there.' The hen takes one look at the object, to convince herself that it's a woman, and then stalks majestically into the coop, in perfect disgust of the sex.

"A man don't do that way. He goes out of doors and says: 'It is singular nobody in this house can drive a hen but myself.' And, picking up a stick of wood, hurls it at the offending biped, and observes, 'Get in there, you thief.' The hen immediately loses her reason, and dashes to the opposite end of the yard. The man straightway dashes after her. She comes back again with her head down, her wings out, and followed by an assortment of stove-wood, fruit-cans, and coal-clinkers, with a much-puffing and very mad man in the rear. Then she skims up on the stoop, and under the barn, and over a fence or two, and around the house, and back again to the coop, all the while talking as only an excited hen can talk, and all the while followed by things convenient for handling, and by a man whose coat is on the sawbuck and whose hat is on the ground, and whose perspiration and profanity appear to have no limit. By this time the other hens have come out to take a hand in the debate, and help dodge the missiles—and the man says every hen on the place shall be sold in the morning, and puts on his things and goes down the street, and the woman comes out, shakes her skirts and has every one of those hens housed and contented in two minutes, and the only sound heard on the premises is the hammering by the eldest boy as he mends the broken pickets."

Thoughtlessness in the proper supply of water is another cause of loss and disease among our poultry and this particularly holds true in the rearing of little chickens.

Water is the great carrier which alone can convey anything into or out of the animal system. Without it all food would be useless and all nutrition impossible. It is a blind agent, obeying implicitly the laws of hydraulics and carrying either ailment

or poison with equal rapidity and with equal certainty.

Notwithstanding this undeviating obedience and blind impartiality, it is often held responsible for mischief which never originated with it, is accused of causing disorders which it has only made apparent, and when most actively engaged in carrying poison out of the system is often belittled to be the poison itself when it is simply indications of the thoughtless handling of the chickens suffering.

A statement often made in books and poultry journals makes a case in point—namely, that sun-warmed water is detrimental to little chickens; now sun-warmed water is not more pleasant to chickens on a hot day than it is to human beings, but it is not by any means detrimental to their health under ordinary conditions.

But warm water and warm air, though in themselves favorable to chicken vitality, are surrounded with peculiar dangers, which are by no means of an imaginary character.

When chickens are allowed to dabble on beds of their own droppings, and then washing their feet in the unprotected water dishes, warmth, from any source, adds to the rapid fatality that will follow from drinking water so polluted, both because the chickens will deliberately stand and soak their feet in the warm water, which they will not do in the cold, and because warmth greatly hastens the production of the noxious sulphuretted hydrogen from their own manure, which is so deadly a poison to all animals.

We have used river, well, roof, artesian, spring, and ditch water not always being able to make our choice in the matter, our poultry has drunk their fill out of old tin cans where the water was sun-warmed alright enough, and out of choice, because they had access to other water supplies, and we have never discovered any ill effects from its use.

Thoughtless handling of the water, in open dishes, that will give both young and old stock access to it walking in and out of the dishes, annually causes more mortality among young chickens in particular than any other source, and so let me admonish you to use dishes such as the chickens cannot get into.

Before leaving the subject of water we may pay some attention to the shipping of poultry to shows and from shows.

Give the birds all the water they desire before being cooped, and on your peril don't be so thoughtless as to forget it, for if you do, the birds will be still more thirsty when arrival at the show, and will drink themselves into a state of impaired condition that frequently has caused bowel trouble and in consequence a losing proposition.

A piece of turnip hung up inside of the coop will do much during the journey to the show to furnish watery matter, and we have found that of great value ourselves and never neglect to provide it, as it is little use to put water cups into the coops, as it will be spilled and birds soiled.

Birds returned from the show should never have full access to water, but should be given a little at first, and then a little more, till they again become accustomed to its use.

The best way to break up a broody hen is to remove her from the place she is accustomed to, put her into a pen in which no nests have been placed, and generally in a few days' time she will

be over her broodiness, but let me say this, it is better to let her sit for a week or two because she needs the rest and will be in a much better condition for shedding her feathers than otherwise she would be; it is a noticeable fact that hens that belong to the breeds that become broody make a more successful moult than the other breeds that are non-sitting, but even they will take a rest before shedding, or, in other words, getting themselves into condition for the process.

Thoughtless treatment during the moulting period is very frequent and very disastrous to the inmates of the poultry yard, for in many cases no attention is paid to them whatever; they are through laying, have for a time become of no profit, sometime to the extent of an insufficient food supply, for the owner's interest is largely centered in the growing stock. Such treatment is not only thoughtless but cruel, for at this time the birds need the best treatment, especially when they are yarded.

They should have plenty of food, particularly soft food, and containing all the necessary elements for the production of the new plumage and if care of the best kind is not given the fowls will suffer greatly in consequence, the moult will be prolonged and scanty, and the system will need months of recuperation before getting into the proper shape for laying. Birds that have been neglected during their moult seldom begin to lay till spring and if such treatment is meted out to show birds they will never be fit for exhibition or get into proper condition till it is too late to show them.

An abundance of food, plenty of meat of some kind, clean water, plenty of green food, and shade must be provided, and don't be so thoughtless as to leave the male bird with the hens; he is not needed and he don't need the hens; both will do very much better without each other's company.

Thoughtlessness in the housing of the stock at this time of the year frequently causes great loss. This is generally caused by bringing the stock into their winter quarters in which they are sometimes crowded for lack of sufficient housing, and then as the ventilation is bad the houses are close and in a few days the birds are all sneezing and in another few days wheezing and the trouble has begun. The eyes become watery and there is a general tendency to lassitude and inactivity and the food is left uneaten, and from now on the whole flock will suffer from what is a heavy cold that if let to run will result in roup.

The thoughtful poultryman always provides against this trouble by leaving both doors and windows open until the very cold weather may necessitate their closing, but even then plenty of still cold air is admitted and there will be no such trouble. The birds have been out of doors all summer and roosted in open-front coops and the change into illy-ventilated warm houses will inevitably give trouble of the kind just pointed out.

Many more cases of thoughtlessness might be instanced, but these are the ones of chiefest import and will suffice for this time.

Bridgeton, Me.

A trio of really good birds well mated will produce more good specimens than double the number, if in the larger number there are birds of questionable quality.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Conditions Away from Home

American fanciers are inclined to feel that nowhere else is there so much interest taken in Standard bred fowls. This is a natural conclusion if we are not familiar with conditions in other countries and if we are influenced solely by the great growth of the fancy poultry business at home during the past ten years. There have, most assuredly, been wonderful changes and there has also been an increased interest far beyond the point predicted by the most enthusiastic fanciers. Thousands of people fall into line each season to start their career as fanciers. Thousands of others who have been keeping a few chickens in the back yard are in various ways brought into touch with Standard bred stock and begin to want fowls that are worth while. Poultry literature has become so plentiful that it is not appreciated, notwithstanding the fact that it has improved in quality to such an extent as to compare favorably with trade publications of any kind and to excel the majority of them. Poultry shows have doubled in number during the past several years and have grown larger and of more importance. The prices paid for stock and eggs have doubled and trebled and are still seeking a higher level.

All of these things viewed as whole must naturally impress poultrymen with the idea expressed at the begin-

ning of these remarks, but lest we become blinded to the fullest measure of our opportunities, let us look around and see what others are doing. England, with less than half the area of the state of Texas has America so far outdistanced in many respects that it is doubtful if we ever catch up with her. Poultry keeping both for utility and fancy is developed in the British Isles to an extent that would seem a dream to the average American fancier. The number of shows held would force one to the conclusion that every villager in the Kingdom must have a flock of Standard-bred fowls. We will not venture to say how many shows are held during a twelvemonth but it must be close to a thousand. They are more liberally patronized than American shows and the prizes are more valuable and greater in number. The shows are also held every month in the year, summer and winter. The average prices paid for birds are much higher and there are more birds of high quality produced. Greater interest is taken in the breeding of show specimens and the columns of the poultry papers are filled with technical articles and free discussion of fancy topics. If American fanciers as a whole could see and know just how far the Britishers are ahead of us in some respects, there would be a grand awakening and a tenfold improvement in conditions. There are two many dollars and cents fanciers in America and not enough breeders who engage in the work purely for the love of it. There are too many people who are actuated by the "pounds of flesh and dozens of eggs" idea.

Faking and Legitimate Preparation

It would seem at first thought, that nothing could be easier than to draw the line between honesty and dishonesty in preparing birds for the show room. But in this as in all other things, we must consider the views of many different minds and as all people will not think alike we are confronted with conditions which require special rules and ethical standards. In the glossary of technical terms in the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection, the word faking is defined as "any self-evident attempt on the part of an exhibitor to deceive the judge and thus obtain an unfair advantage in competition." In connection with this definition, a few specific items are mentioned, such as removing side sprigs, trimming combs, artificial coloring of plumage, staining of legs, etc. These methods are unquestionably open to criticism and are properly termed faking, but there are many other practices which are not mentioned by the Standard and about which, there is considerable difference of opinion.

The definition given by the Standard is not literally followed by fanciers and never will be. Take as an example the washing of white fowls and the use of common "wash blue" in the water used for rinsing the

plumage. The use of this "blue" serves to make the plumage whiter than it really is. This, therefore, is changing the color of the plumage, even though the change is hardly perceptible although it is quite so when skilfully done. Under a strict interpretation of the Standard law this is an attempt to deceive the judge and is taking unfair advantage of other exhibitors who do not prepare their birds in that way. Still, there is not the slightest criticism from any source, of the washing of white birds in this manner and in fact amateur fanciers are taught through poultry journals and books, how to do it to best advantage. The most honorable and respected fanciers have repeatedly explained it over their signatures, in the columns of the poultry press.

Custom, therefore, decrees that you can fake a little but not too much. The question is, how much? There are many other little items of show preparation that are fully approved and that come within the same range as the use of bluing in washing white birds. Then there are some others just a little further removed from these and which come under the head of "doubtful" practices, as for instance, the removal of black feathers from Barred Rocks in all sections except wings and tail. There should be no attempt to deceive the uninformed in regard to the true conditions. It is rank folly to deny that some of the best Barred Rocks ever bred have had a few black feathers in them and that these feathers are plucked from many of the prize winning birds at our largest shows. If we take the Standard to mean just what it says, this is faking, but by common consent of fanciers it is considered legitimate faking if we may use that term. It is in the consideration of items of this character, where we meet with difficulty in drawing the line between honesty and dishonesty. It is not honest to pluck these black feathers except that there is an unwritten law making it honest. Then, the breeder of White Wyandottes, White Rocks or some other white varieties comes to the front and wants to know why it is that the Barred Rock breeder may pluck black feathers from Barred Rocks and the breeder of white varieties is branded as a faker if he pulls a feather or two that may have just a few specks of black in it. His question is right to the point but no one can give a satisfactory reply and he therefore, takes the matter into his own hands and generally removes the off-colored feathers. Other cases might be mentioned involving other similar defects but the above will serve as an example.

The question is, what can be done to harmonize conditions and to eliminate all doubt as to what is faking and what is not. Why would it not be a good idea to make the Standard more explicit on matters of this kind and thereby reduce to a minimum the debatable questions arising in connection with the subject of faking. Let there appear in the book a list as complete as possible, in which is specifically mentioned the various

methods of legitimate show preparation, the doubtful practices which are not approved and the downright faking which will subject members of the Association to expulsion. There ought to be some way to give everybody a chance. There are not as many rascals in the fancy poultry business as some people would have us believe. There are thousands of breeders who would not do anything

to take an unfair advantage or that would conflict with their conscientious views of the matter but some things are justifiable in self defense and with no absolute or specific guide to govern all breeders, there exists an elasticity which leads us into paths in which we would not like to be seen.

The way-matters stand at the present time, there are too many ques-

tions which are left to the judgment of breeders and there is too wide a difference of opinion among them as to what is fair and what is not. The situation can be greatly improved by the American Poultry Association and it ought to take the necessary action, but it should not confine its efforts to the occasional expulsion of some member found guilty of unquestionably dishonest methods.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

Well! Anyhow, some of the rest of the boys who may have dyed a few feathers or pulled a few stubs, will have at least a year before they are in danger. But according to reports, some of them had better make hay while the sun shines.

Niagara Falls will now please get off the map for awhile.

Peary and Dr. Cook did surely have a strenuous time and suffered many hardships in locating the north pole, but they never tried to publish a poultry journal under the present conditions of competition.

Theo. Hewes says that the A. P. A. appointed a lot of good men to do certain work and then turned down their efforts. Not altogether, Theo. Remember, the breeders of the country did not want the Revision Committee to do the whole thing. The committee got paid for doing the preliminary skirmishing, as it were.

This time it is our friend Robinson and Dr. Woods. Sic him, Doc. But on the level, now, isn't Robinson at least half right half the time.

Crawford has offered a reward for conclusive evidence of faking at the next New York show. Now, here is a chance for some of you fellows to get even with your rivals, but remem-

ber that there seems to be a vigorous back-action effect to these charges.

Wid. Card is some lecturer, eh! He told the boys a few things at Niagara Falls that tickled them greatly.

Isn't it about time for somebody to again break into the game with a five or ten thousand dollar bird. Step lively; don't push.

The A. P. A. seems to have put the utility poultry standard into cold storage along with the poultry and eggs. Get busy, Trafford. You're asleep at the switch.

Have you heard the latest report as to the whereabouts of the lost certificate of deposit for \$6,000? The rabbit foot seems to be working overtime. Still, some people really believe it.

Now let the artists remember that it is not how pretty they can make the picture but how true to nature they can portray the fowls.

The movement to abolish disqualifications had its excursion ticket stamped Niagara Falls.

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We hope that no enterprising show secretary will overlook the opportunity to give his show some national advertising by extending an invitation for the next annual meeting of the A.

P. A. Come on, Podunk. You have as much chance as anybody; not to get the meeting, but to get the advertising.

In putting down faking the American Poultry Association has a steady job. Wonder if she will go to sleep on it?

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Many persons, after paying the membership fee, stop right there, leaving the officers and a few cranks (as they are sometimes called) to uphold, develop and make a winner or a loser of said organization. If it proves a success they are often heard to explain, "I belong to that," but, if it fails, many and varied are the remarks made.

There are quite a few (too many) poultry shows and specialty clubs that have an over supply of members holding first and second class tickets and are short on third class.

The coming four months is just the time for every member to hold a third class ticket. Boost your show, your club, your stock of birds, and if your supply of show birds is limited, owing to bad luck (mismanagement), speak a good word for your neighbor.

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PLEASURES IN THE POULTRY YARD.

If you love poultry, really love hens (no doubt that may sound absurd to many), the pleasures connected with poultry raising are too many to fully describe in one short article, but the true fancier knows, for it more especially, the Standard bred stock to which I refer as poultry.

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CRITICISM OF SHOWS AND JUDGING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:—

The writer will have to admit that he does not know very much about poultry shows. He has accumulated quite a lot of experience during the last 27 years, but when he comes to think it over and try to profit by the past, he always finds he has learned too many things that are not so. At least that is the way it seems to pan out when he presumes on his experience as a guide from year to year.

One of the things a man ought to learn in twenty-seven years is that it does not pay to send disqualified birds to a show. I will illustrate by giving my experience at one show last winter. I sent 25 birds to a local show; every bird was weighed and found to be inside the disqualifying weight the day before they were shipped to the show. When they came home about one third of them had been disqualified on weight. As the balance won nearly all the prizes competed for I did not kick, knowing also that birds generally lose weight while at a show; but on weighing them again before taking them out of the coops I found that nearly every bird in the lot had gained from a half to one pound in weight while at the show, so all my former experience had gone for naught and I came to the conclusion that it does not make much difference what the birds weigh at home. It has always been my belief that the judge does not do the weighing, so I could not lay the blame on him.

I once sent a pen of what I considered fine Buff Cochins to a show, six birds. They came home all disqualified because of a lack of just one-quarter of an inch of feather on outside toe. I immediately examined nearly all of my other cochins on the place, white, black, buff and partridge, some of which had been scored as high as 95 by the very same judge who did the disqualifying act on the buffs, and found about half of them had the very same defect; this also included one pair of whites scored by another judge 93½ and 95, but with the very same identical lack of feather; they were all heavy feathered, but there was a lack of feathering on the last joint of the outside toe. I thought that was "straining at a gnat" so I wrote the judge who did the work; also several other judges describing the fact, and who all decided the birds should not have been disqualified except the one who did the job. The Secretary of the show wrote me a very nice letter, stating they were undoubtedly the best birds in the show and he was very sorry they were disqualified. That did not "fix" the matter with me, but that particular judge has never scored any of my birds since. There has never been any doubt in my mind that my principle competitor being on the ground "fixed" the judge; that was 15 years ago. About 20 years ago I sent some White Cochins to a local show. About half of them

were disqualified for vulture hocks. I was not satisfied so I cooped up a pen of the so-called Vulture hocked ones and sent them to the Illinois State show, where they won all the firsts competed for. I am not relating these facts to make a kick now, because it all happened in the past and my face is towards the future; what I want to show is that there is such a lack of uniformity in judging, not only between judges, but in the same judge at different times and places. Also that

sometimes it is not the judges but the weighers fault. And speaking of weight reminds me of a thing I have noticed that does not seem fair to me. Most of the judges I have seen scoring always ask the weight of a bird before beginning his work. Now, I do not believe a judge ought to be influenced by the weight in making the score; that point is settled before he gets hold of the specimen, and if it is disqualified, it ought not to be placed in the judges hands at all. I think the judge should

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give every individual section its proper score regardless of any other section. The place to equalize the score is in the section on symmetry, when a bird is not properly proportioned in symmetry, or shape, which is what symmetry means, then cut him on symmetry. If out of condition, cut him on that section, and in weight on that, but because a specimen is poor in only one section, is no reason for cutting some where else.

Again, when a flock of birds come from a show, all cut uniformly one half point each on symmetry, the judge has not done his work right, and I don't care who he is or how much experience he has had. It is just that kind of judging that has made the score card unpopular, and not the fault of the system. I don't believe any comparative system can ever do the work as near right as a scoring system, if the birds are really scored according to the Standard. If it fails it is because the judge is either ignorant or careless.

I understand it is quite easy for a disqualified bird to win in a comparison show, and it is just what I should expect if each bird is not carefully examined. There are many birds that on the surface appear to be winners, but on careful examination, are found to be disqualified. Then there are specimens in which there is doubt as to a disqualification, especially along the color line. Many birds have been disqualified on account of one off-colored feather and often there is quite a discussion over whether a disqualification shall be made. There should be no such doubt in the matter of weight, the scales should settle it easily.

Dr. H. T. Ballard.

Chenoa, Ill.

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FREE RANGE IS NOT ALWAYS THE WHOLE THING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

A little close study of your surroundings will reveal the fact that but few localities furnish the proper food elements in sufficient quantities for the uniform growth of your fowls. The fact that our birds are range kept does not insure their superiority over those supplied with sustenance by the man who "mixes brains with his feed" as one writer puts it. Even on a large range many birds are obliged to do without grit, a great essential, a necessity, in the mastication of food, a substitute for the teeth of the mammal. An examination of acres and acres of some clay loam ranges will sometimes fail to reveal sufficient sharp grit for ten fowls, where perhaps hundreds are kept. On other ranges the fowls are obliged to rely upon tough woody grasses for their green food supply. Watch the bird try to tear portions of the leaf blade, many times the leaf will break from the stems its full length and the fowl swallows six or eight inches of the fibrous grass at a time. Many "crop-bound" cases can be justly attributed to the impaction of this material. Late summers will sometimes bring with it great swarms of grasshoppers and other insects and in the event of the scarcity of other proper food, fowls will overeat of them and cases of diarrhoea can be traced to it. One of the drawbacks sometimes in the raising of late hatched chicks.

In some localities calcium, sodium and

Shows for Season of 1909-1910

Arkansas.

Little Rock, Dec. 6-11. J. M. Foster, Secy., Campbell and Savage, Judges.

California.

Oakland, Nov. 22-27. A. Norton, Asst. Secy., Denny, Judge.

Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 13-18. H. H. Chase, Secy., Shaner, Judge.

Connecticut.

Winsted, Dec. 8-11. L. C. Capewell, Secy.

Illinois.

Aledo, Dec. 13-18. Harry R. Morgan, Secy., Dinwiddie, Judge.
Bradford, Dec. 20-24. B. D. Phenix, Secy., McCord, Judge.
Camp Point, Jan. 24-27. E. T. Selby, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.
Carthage, Dec. 7-11. C. A. Garard, Secy., Elliott, Judge.
Chicago, Dec. 7-12. Theo. Hewes, Secy.
Dixon, Dec. 27-31. G. O. Fuestman, Secy., Ott, Judge.
Du Quoin, Nov. 22-26. E. T. Teaney, Secy.
Faring, Dec. 13-16. Oscar Wells, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Havana, Jan. 26-Feb. 1. T. B. Drisko, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.
Kankakee, Jan. 10-15. E. P. Vining, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Mattoon, Dec. 13-18. A. F. Fuller, Secy., Lane, Judge.
Newton, Dec. 14-17. E. T. Martin, Secy., Schocke, Judge.
Pana, Dec. 14-18. J. A. Bickerdike, Secy., Myers, Judge.
Peoria, Dec. 14-18. Frank E. Rue, Secy., Keeler, Stanfield and Ewald, Judges.
Polo, Jan. 3-8. Frank Niman, Secy., Hale, Judge.
Princeton, Dec. 13-17. Walter Asche, Secy., Warnock, Judge.
Rantoul, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. G. G. Douglas, Secy., Myers, Judge.
Rockford, Jan. 10-15. Chas. S. Gilbert, Secy., Heimlich and Russell, Judges.
Sheridan, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. T. Richardson, Secy., Greer, Judge.
Taylorville, Dec. 1-4. C. A. Moxley, Secy., Rapp, Judge.

Indiana.

Albany, Dec. 21-25. H. Wilson, Secy., Long, Judge.
Bloomington, Jan. 11-15. W. J. Von Behren, Secy., McCracken, Judge.
Goshen, Jan. 17-21. H. E. Krutz, Secy., Mulinix, Judge.
Huntington, Jan. 18-22. Harry I. Young, Secy.
Kendallville, Jan. 4-8. Amos Fulk, Secy., Tucker, Judge.
Logansport, Jan. 18-22. Wm. Grace, Jr., Secy., Long, Judge.
Michigan City, Jan. 3-8. A. L. Peterson, Secy., Stoner, Judge.
Young America, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. A. D. Wood, Secy., Long, Judge.

Iowa.

Anamosa, Dec. 27-Jan. 2. C. W. Metcalf, Secy., Shanklin, Judge.
Dunlap, Dec. 17-21. E. R. Cadwell, Secy., Holden, Judge.
Iowa Falls, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. H. S. Dixon, Secy., Heimlich and Mills, Judges.
Keokuk, Nov. 23-27. Chas. C. Lawson, Secy., Ellison, Judge.
Manson, Dec. 13-18. A. K. Moore, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Montezuma, Dec. 15-18. Jos. Morris, Secy., Shanklin, Judge.
New London, Dec. 15-18. G. R. Hill, Secy., Russell, Judge.
Richland, Dec. 14-17. W. H. Davis, Secy., Dagle, Judge.
Webster City, Jan. 7-11. H. E. Ross, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Winfield, Dec. 7-10. Russell Canby, Secy., Dagle, Secy.

Kansas.

Salina, Dec. 26-Jan. 1. C. J. Page, Supt., J. C. Clipp, Judge.
Wichita, Jan. 10-15. Thos. Owen, Secy., Heck, Ellison and Stoner, Judges.

Kentucky.

Lexington, Jan. 10-14. Frank L. Smith, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Louisville, Dec. 6-11. S. M. Nuttall, Secy., Lane and Falkner, Judges.

Mississippi.

Meridian, Dec. 13-18. Fred Roy Ziller, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Massachusetts.

North Adams, Jan. 18-21. C. M. Ottman, Secy.

Michigan.

Allegan, Jan. 5-8. W. H. Warner, Jr., Secy., Emmet, Judge.
Detroit, Jan. 12-18. M. E. Green, Secy., Tucker, Mulinix, McCord and Stanfield, Judges.
Grand Ledge, Dec. 14-18. Jno. R. Patten, Secy., Wise, Judge.
Hastings, Jan. 3-8. Thos. E. Waters, Secy., Myers, Judge.
Ithaca, Dec. 7-10. E. J. McCall, Secy., Otto and Wise, Judges.
Lansing, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. J. A. Turner, Secy., Tucker and Wise, Judges.
South Haven, Dec. 14-18. Marshall H. Mackey, Secy., Coburn, Judge.

Minnesota.

Albert Lea, Jan. 5-10. F. A. Kapple, Secy., Heck, Judge.
Clements, Dec. 16-18. Jno. J. Neudecker, Secy., Neudecker, Judge.
Crookston, Dec. 16-20. Mrs. F. C. Mitchell, Secy., Whitney, Judge.
Madelia, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. A. Seymour, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Minneapolis, Jan. 12-18. Chas. O. Johnson, Secy., Holden, Shellabarger and Rhodes, Judges.

Rochester, Dec. 7-13. D. L. Williams, Secy., Holden and Whitney, Judges.

Missouri.

Braymer, Nov. 29-Dec. 2. R. F. Nickels, Secy., Branch, Judge.
La Monte, Nov. 22-24. Mrs. Jas. A. Staples, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Mexico, Nov. 18-19. L. E. McKee, Secy., Branch, Judge.

Nebraska.

Fremont, Dec. 13-17. Chas. W. Mulloy, Secy., Shellabarger, Judge.

New Jersey.

Bridgeton, Nov. 24-27. Paul O. Springer, Secy., Bean, Stanton and Holmes, Judges.
Rutherford, Jan. 13-15. R. H. Wilcox, Secy., Yelton and Stanton, Judges.

New York.

Batavia, Dec. 14-18. E. E. Peck, Secy., Webb, Judge.
Buffalo, Jan. 25-29. C. J. Standart, Secy.
New Berlin, Jan. 24-28. R. F. Talbot, Secy., Jaquins, Judge.
New York, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. H. V. Crawford, Secy.
Rochester, Jan. 10-16. F. A. Newman, Secy., Webb, Denny, Gardner, Cornish, Manner and Stanton, Judges.
Schenectady, Dec. 14-18. I. L. Whitmyre, Secy.

North Carolina.

Charlotte, Jan. 14-18. E. G. Wardin, Secy., Wittman, Judge.
Monroe, Dec. 16-20. J. H. Beckley, Secy., Lee and Cornwell, Judges.

Ohio.

Elyan, Dec. 13-17. Dr. T. E. Schriber, Secy., Tueker, Judge.
Cardington, Jan. 12-16. D. J. Babson, Secy., Johnson, Judge.
Cincinnati, Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Dr. O. S. Rightmire, Secy., Pierce and Brown, Judges.

potassium, (lime elements) are abundant in soil and vegetation and in others, sadly lacking. In such places the bulk of vegetation will be small of fibre and not tall and rank unless artificial fertilizers have been resorted to or leguminous plants grown. The animals indigenous will have a tendency to be small of frame, due principally to this mineral lack.

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Dr. L. E. Pitcher.

Neillsville, Wis.

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AN EXPERIENCE IN BROODING.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:—

I have tried various ways this season of raising chickens, and my experience is: That the nearer you can come to the old hen, the better. I have five chicks hatched in April, by a hen that stole her nest; and they are the largest and handsomest chickens I have. Then I have 50 hatched at the same time in an incubator; that I made up my mind to treat just the same as the old hen treated hers; as far as the changed conditions would permit.

I put them into two old fashioned Brooders (large roomy ones) and I fed both alike: A first-class chick food, three times a day, and pure water where they could get it at all times. I was careful not to overfeed, as they had bugs and worms all day and plenty of green stuff that they picked up on the 70 acre farm. The result is: They are the finest lot of incubator chicks I ever raised.

I kept the Brooders scrupulously clean, and watched out carefully for lice, consequently they have not had any and are nearly as large as those raised by the hen.

I have three incubator lots that I am bringing up in eight new brooders of the most approved type, four hundred of them in all. With these I have followed all the newest and most approved methods known to date; grit, charcoal and beef-scraps every day, fresh water three times a day, clean brooders every day and give chopped lettuce and beet tops every day. But, having so many, I yarded them, fifty in a yard, each yard 25 ft. x 50 ft., with plenty of shade, and green grass. I started in May, with five hundred hence the loss in their case has been 20%; in case of the fifty only 5, on free range, and the growth has not been as marked in case of the four hundred, as in the case of the fifty though they are looking very well.

My conclusion is, that the best way to raise chickens for results is to follow Nature as closely as possible, and give them all the room, all the range and all the water you can.

Do not be so over careful as to make them delicate. Certain necessary things must be done, or you will fail. Cleanli-

Columbus, Jan. 10-16. C. R. Haswell, Secy.
Dayton, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. E. M. Abbott, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Defiance, Jan. 10-15. S. C. Decker, Secy., Long, Judge.
Edon, Jan. 4-7. S. D. Kaiser, Secy., Long, Judge.
Elmore, Dec. 28-31.—Geo. A. Weis, Secy., Long, Judge.
Elyria, Jan. 4-8. A. J. Laundon, Secy., Keller and Feil, Judges.
Gnadhutten, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. R. Gray, Secy., Feil, Judge.
Grover Hill, Jan. 18-21. W. H. Fletcher, Secy.
Hamilton, Dec. 6-12. W. C. McKenny, Secy., Zike, Judge.
Mansfield, Dec. 6-11. S. F. Ottinger, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Marietta, Jan. 10-15. F. C. Snodgrass, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
Marion, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. M. G. Dickerson, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Portsmouth, Dec. 13-18. F. H. Shoenberger, Secy., Feil, Judge.
Tiffin, Jan. 11-15. V. Crabtree, Secy., Falkner and Struble, Judges.
Toledo, Jan. 24-31. Frank W. Hoff, Secy., Butterfield and Mullinix, Judges.
Tuscarawas, Dec. 28-31. C. F. Viegell, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
Upper Sandusky, Dec. 7-11. I. P. Cammann, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Versailles, Jan. 25-29. Forest Murphy, Secy., Long, Judge.
Wakeman, Jan. 17-22. C. H. Fiquers, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Wapakoneta, Dec. 14-18. Jno. C. Lear, Secy., Case, Judge.
Warren, Dec. 8-11. Wm. Cobb, Secy., Sites, Judge.
Zanesville, Jan. 26-29. W. G. Vanderback, Secy.

Oklahoma.

Enid, Dec. 11-18. M. A. Watkins, Secy.

Oregon.

Portland, Dec. 8-15. J. E. Windle, Secy., Denny, Judge.

Pennsylvania.

Cannonsburg, Jan. 17-22. Geo. C. McPeake, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
East Greenville, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. F. G. Christman, Secy., Wittman, Judge.
Lititz, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Jas. H. Breitigan, Secy., Cornman, Judge.
McKeesport, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. W. Soles, Secy.
Mohnton, Nov. 24-27. Geo. W. Hatt, Secy., Cornman and Webb, Judges.
Monessen, Dec. 7-11. O. H. Thompson, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
Nazareth, Nov. 23-26. Geo. W. Koehler, Secy.
New Brighton, Jan. 19-22. J. Mays Ecoff, Secy., Kummer, Judge.
Reading, Dec. 7-11. C. H. Glass, Secy.
Womelsdorf, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Chas. B. Leinbach, Secy.

Tennessee.

Knoxville, Jan. 5-8. Jno. E. Jennings, Secy., Owen and Blanks, Judges.
McMinnville, Dec. 1-3. B. M. Reams, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Pulaski, Dec. 16-18. Lewis Culps, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Utah.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 10-15. C. J. Sander, Secy., Keeler, Judge.

Virginia.

Herndon, Jan. 12-14. A. H. Kirk, Secy., Wittman and Defendorf, Judges.

Washington.

Walla Walla, Jan. 17-22. H. Dickson, Secy., Collier and Purdy, Judges.

West Virginia.

Huntington, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Fred L. Summers, Secy., Campbell, Judge.

Wisconsin.

Baraboo, Jan. 11-14. Geo. W. Hackett, Secy., Roberts, Judge.
Kenosha, Nov. 30-Dec. 6. E. J. Huber, Secy., Shellabarger and Hackett, Judges.
LaCrosse, Dec. 21-27. Jas. H. Poehling, Secy., Shellabarger, Judge.
New Holstein, Jan. 6-10. H. H. Greve, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
Oconomowoc, Dec. 15-20. O. R. Eddy, Secy., Tucker and Vanselow, Judges.
Stevens Point, Dec. 28-31. F. J. Blood, Secy., Greenwald, Judge.

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POINTERS ON GROWING NEW PLUMAGE.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

The method of weakening the constitution allows the hen to get rid of her old covering, yet care must be used to see that she does not become too weak. The cocks kept in separate houses can be treated on the same lines, although, of course, with pullets or hens a number can be kept together. As the bird ages, it will be later in moult and unless some method is adopted, as here referred to, they will not be up in full plumage again before the winter, and then with a late moult there is always a danger that a few old feath-

ers never come out at all and then the appearance of the bird is spoiled. When once the feathers have dropped there is going to be a great strain upon the bird to grow new ones. Thus it is that care must be used in not forcing too much at first, although gradually improving the food allowance so as to get the best results in the end. This is the period when so many die off, having got so weak that they either take cold at the loss of covering or have not strength enough to commence the growth of new feathers. Valuable exhibition birds then need care, and if they are kept dry and free from draught the danger of loss is small. When the birds have lost the old feathers, the quicker they grow the new ones the better. Feathers a long time in the quill stage do not all come out the same shade of color. The food can govern this partly, for while the ordinary meals may be used, other things, such as linseed, should be added, because of the extra oil needed for the gloss and finish on the feather. If these

things are applied as the feather is growing the same luster will last till the bird moults again.

A. V. Meersch.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS MAKE DELICATE FOWLS.

Editor POULTRY FANCIER:

Mr. C. E. Goodwin asks: "Why are not chickens as hardy today as they were forty or fifty years ago?"

I believe that they are. If the conditions of forty or fifty years ago were reproduced—free range, abundance of green food, bugs and worms *ad lib.*, fresh air, trees for roosting places, and corn meal and water—I would be willing to back my modern chickens against the ancients for hardiness. Under such circumstances, dry mashes, animal foods, prepared chick foods, grit, charcoal and the like are not necessities for hardiness, however useful they may be in securing more rapid growth and more perfect development.

Because in the past, through close houses, lack of ventilation and crowding, poultrymen have had sick fowls, we ought not to argue that the fowls are lacking in hardiness. That is visiting the sins of the poultryman, not upon his children, but upon his chickens. Kept under the same conditions, the fowls of today can hold their own in hardiness with the fowls of our dad-dies. Unhealthy conditions make delicate fowls. Remedy the conditions and the fowls will need no remedies. Hardiness is not lacking, but sanitary conditions often are. We all are greater or less sinners in these things. Let us not accuse our fowls, but reform ourselves, and we will find the modern fowl is as hardy as were the fowls of forty or fifty years ago.

H. S. Babcock.

East Providence, R. I.

A. W. Blanchard, Beloit, Wis., one of the most successful western breeders of R. C. R. I. Reds, calls attention in his ad this month to some fine youngsters that he has to spare at reasonable prices. Mr. Blanchard has taken a goodly number of prizes on his stock at Chicago, Rockford and other good shows. Our readers who intend to purchase stock of this variety should write to Mr. Blanchard before placing their order elsewhere.

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O. L. Prouty, New Lothrop, Mich., has an excellent lot of Partridge Plymouth Rocks for sale at the present time at much lower prices than usual. Mr. Prouty, as our readers know, breeds Partridge Plymouth Rocks, and it is freely acknowledged that there is no better birds anywhere than those in his yards. He is, therefore, in position to please buyers in every respect, and those of our readers who expect to secure stock of this variety at any time within the next two or three months will find it greatly to their advantage to get in touch with Mr. Prouty at the present time.

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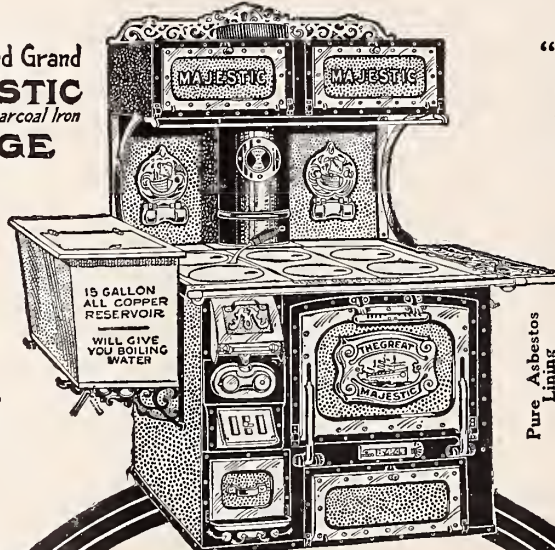
C. L. Lang, LaCrosse, Wis., has his yards full of growing young stock and finds it absolutely necessary to make more room. This compels him to dispose of some of his choicest breeding birds from last year's pens and he is offering them at the extremely low price of \$1.00 to \$1.50 each. He breeds S. C. Brown Leghorns exclusively and has bred this variety for 19 years. His show record is an excellent one, and in view of the quality of his stock the birds he is offering at the present time are worth many times the amount he asks for them.

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NEWS OF

POULTRY SHOWS & SPECIALTY CLUBS

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HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

The second annual show of the Triple State Fanciers' Association will be held at Huntington, December 28 to January 1. T. M. Campbell will do the judging. C. P. Sanborne is show superintendent. Fred L. Summers is secretary. Mr. Summers will gladly mail a copy of the premium list to all applicants.

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RAPID CITY, SO. DAK.

The next show of the Black Hills Association will be held at Rapid City, So. Dak., January 18 to 21. W. G. Warnick will do the judging. The secretary of the show is E. B. Rohrer, Spearfish, So. Dak.

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WOMELSDORF, PA.

The Womelsdorf Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold its first exhibition in the Town Hall at Womelsdorf, Pa., December 1 to 4, 1909. Liberal premiums, numerous specials and silver cups will be given away. Louis P. Graham, of New York City, will judge the show. Premium list ready November 1. Entries close November 25. Chas. D. Leinbach, Secy., Ryeland, Pa.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The ninth annual show of the Milwaukee Fanciers' Stock Association will be

held at Milwaukee January 11 to 16. The poultry judges are Messrs. Tucker and Meller. The pigeons will be judged by Mr. McCauley. The Milwaukee show is one of the best in the west and its premiums are always paid in cash and in full. Premium list may be obtained by writing Wm. R. Knell, Secy., 276 W. Water St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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WARSAW, ILL.

The Warsaw Poultry Association will hold their fifth annual show July 15 to 18, with Frank L. Shaw as judge. Chas. Paar is secretary of the association.

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FAIRFIELD, ILL.

The next exhibition of the Wayne County Poultry Association will be held at Fairfield, Ill., Dec. 20 to 22, with D. T. Heimlich as judge. The secretary of the show is J. H. Robey.

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KENDALLVILLE, IND.

The LaGrange Poultry and Pet Stock Association, which is a member of the American Poultry Association, will hold their fifth annual exhibition January 4 to 8 at Kendallville, Ind. Jas. A. Tucker will do the judging. Competition is always strong at this show and fanciers will find it a good one to attend. Write for premium list and other information

to Amos Fulk, Secy., 230 Sheridan St., Kendallville, Ind.

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GNADENHUTTEN O.

The Gnadenhutzen Poultry Association will hold their second annual exhibition November 30 to December 3, with Phil Fell as judge. F. R. Grey is secretary. They have a liberal list of prizes arranged in such a way that breeders of all varieties have a chance at them.

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PICKENS, S. C.

The Pickens County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold its next annual show during the County Fair, September 22 to 24. The judging will be done by comparison and F. J. Marshall will place the awards. Premium list may be obtained by writing to J. M. Hallum, Secy., Pickens, S. C.

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FREMONT, NEB.

The next show of the Dodge County Poultry Association will be held at Fremont, December 13 to 17, and will be judged by F. H. Shellabarger. This promises to be the largest and best show yet held at Fremont and the promoters of it claim that it will be the best local show in Nebraska this season. Write for premium list to Chas. W. Mulloy, Secy.

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PEORIA, ILL.

Peoria will, as usual, hold a big show the coming season and the dates selected are December 14 to 18. The judges are Keeler, Stanfield and Ewald. The association pays \$5.00 for first prize, and last year every dollar of premium money was paid before the show closed. It will pay breeders from all surrounding states to show some of their best stock at Peoria. Premium lists will be ready September 1 and may be obtained by addressing Frank E. Rue.

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TUSCARAWAS, OHIO.

The Tuscarawas Fanciers' Club will hold their first annual exhibition December 28 to 30. C. F. Viegel is secretary. S. T. Campbell will do the judging.

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DELAVAN, WIS.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Poultry Association is now preparing for its twelfth annual exhibition to be held at Delavan, Wis., January 24-29, 1910. The association has an active membership of over 100 and is still growing. This is encouraging the board of directors to put forth strenuous efforts to make the next show the best conducted of any in the middle west. The Southeastern is the oldest continuously organized poultry association in Wisconsin and has never yet failed to pay its premiums fully and promptly. These facts, together with the engagement of W. S. Russell to judge the birds, are proof positive that no exhibitor at Delavan next January will go away dissatisfied. For membership blanks, advertising contracts for the big premium list and all other information, address the secretary, at Delavan, Wis. Seth W. Gregory, Pres.; J. M. Blackford, Secy.

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OSHKOSH, WIS.

The thirteenth annual exhibit of the Wisconsin State Poultry Association will be held January 5 to 10, 1910, at Oshkosh, Wis. Jas. A. Tucker and W. S. Russell will be the judges and Carl H. Krippane, Secy.

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DETROIT, MICH.

The Michigan State Show will be held this season at Detroit, January 12 to 18. The judges are Tucker, Mulinix, McCord and Stanfield. The show, as usual, will be one of the leading exhibitions of the country and liberal premiums will be offered. The secretary is M. E. Green, 217 E. Euclid Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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GOSHEN, IND.

The first annual show of the Maple City Fanciers' Club of Goshen will be held January 17 to 21. Judge Mullinix will place the awards. The list of prizes is a liberal one and contains 16 silver cups. Premium list and full information may be obtained by writing to H. E. Krutz, Secy.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BUFF WYANDOTTE BREEDERS.

Madison Square Garden being the one great show in this country, all Buff Wyandotte breeders should see that this breed is well represented there, and the undersigned have been appointed a committee to see that there is a good big display of Buff Wyandottes at New York next winter, and we ask every one interested in this breed to help us out with specials and entries. Your specials will be placed as you wish, and if you can give but a small amount, it will be thankfully received and placed where it will do most good. The New York Poultry and Pigeon Association will add one-fifth to whatever cash we raise for specials. Let us know what you will do.

If any further information is desired, apply to the undersigned. C. F. Smithers, Heuvelton, N. Y. J. E. Willmarth, Amityville, N. Y.

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THE BUFF ROCK CLUB.

The American Buff Plymouth Rock Club offers as special prizes to every poultry show in the United States and Canada that will publish in their premium list and send copy of same to the undersigned, the following notice: The American Buff Plymouth Rock Club offers as special prizes four handsome silk ribbons, one for best shaped male, one for best shaped female, one for best surface colored male, one for best surface colored female. Only members whose dues are paid to July 1, 1910, are eligible to compete for these specials. Membership fee is only \$1.00 and this pays up to July 1, 1910. For information in regard to the club, write William A. Stoltz, Secy., R. R. No. 19, Indianapolis, Ind.

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EAST GREENVILLE, PA.

The East Greenville, Pa., show will be held December 28 to January 1. Wittmann, judge; F. G. Christman, Secy. We are working hard to make this a banner show again this year, and from our outlook at this writing we will have close to 1,000 birds in line again. Our list of specials will be very alluring and our new coops are nice and large. We have one of the largest exhibits of Partridge Wyandottes in the east and expect about 200 of this variety, so everybody get in line for a premium list. F. G. Christman, Secy.

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DU QUOIN, ILL.

The DuQuoin Poultry Association will hold its second annual exhibition November 22-26. A. C. Le Duc, judge. The association offers a \$25.00 loving cup, besides numerous other premiums. With a bunch of hustling and interesting breeders, this promises to be the big show of Southern Illinois. Catalog now ready. Edw. G. Teaney, Sec., Du Quoin, Ill.

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WICHITA, KAN.

The next exhibition of the Kansas State Poultry Association, under whose auspices the State show is held, will be held at Wichita the week of January 10 to 15. This is the twenty-first annual exhibition of the Association. It is one of the best Western shows, and Kansas breeders especially cannot afford to not exhibit their birds at it. The judges are Frank Heck, W. C. Ellison and D. A. Stoner. The prizes are \$10 for first pen; \$5 for second; \$2 for third. The prizes on single entries are \$2 for first; \$1 for second, and 50 cents for third. The entry

fee is only 25 cents per bird. Send for premium list to Thos. Owen, Secy., Sta. B., Topeka, Kan.

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EVANS CITY, PA.

The third annual exhibition of the Evans City Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held January 11 to 15, 1910. Last year's show was a grand success in every respect and the different committees in charge are hustling to make next year's exhibition surpass all former ones. J. E. Gault, Chippewa Lake, Ohio, will act as judge, and W. R. Baker, Secy.

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JUDGES FOR BANTAMS AT BOSTON.

The result of the vote taken by the National Bantam Association for judge of Bantams at Boston is as follows: Total vote cast, 72. Mr. Arthur O. Schilling received 45, Mr. Chas. T. Corman received 22, and Mr. C. E. Rockenstyre received 5.

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DEFIANCE, O.

The next exhibition of the Defiance Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held January 10 to 15, with J. C. Long as judge. The old secretary of the association, Edward S. Bronson, is "back in the business" again, and the success of the coming show is an assured fact. He is a

man who knows how to do things and he has the ability to stir up enthusiasm among the public and poultrymen as well. The association boasts of having the only exclusive hall and show room in the state, also the best cooped show. The coming exhibition will be bigger and better than ever.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The twenty-fourth annual show of the Minneapolis Poultry Association will be held at Minneapolis, January 12 to 18. This is one of the large shows which needs no special mention. Every breeder in the Northwest can well afford to send some of his best birds. The show is conducted upon up-to-date plans and a prize won at Minneapolis is of more than ordinary value from the standpoint of advertising. The judges this year are Holden, Shellabarger and Rhodes. The superintendent is Ralph Whitney. Mr. Chas. O. Johnson, 4201 Colfax Ave., No., is secretary. All applications for premium lists should be addressed to the secretary. The association is offering large cash premiums in addition to twenty silver cups.

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WISCONSIN'S BIG SHOW. LA CROSSE.

Wisconsin's big poultry show will be held at LaCrosse, December 21 to 28, 1909, and the premium list will be ready for

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The Bradford Poultry Assn. will hold their third annual show December 20-24, 1909. Our past shows were a credit to the association in every respect. Every effort is being made to surpass all former exhibits. Our liberal cash prizes, our fine silk ribbons, were the best offered by any show in the state, beside our large assortment of gold lined silver cups, numbering a dozen or more, were the best to be had. These, with additional cups, etc., should attract exhibitors from all over the state. Judge O. L. McCord has been procured at an extra expense. This alone should be sufficient to bring out a large exhibit. By changing our former dates the Peoria fanciers have guaranteed us a large exhibit from Peoria. These, with our own 40 varieties, should make this exhibit the finest possible, both in numbers and quality. No better birds were shown last season than those of these two associations. Send your birds

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CROTHERSVILLE, IND.

The Crothersville Poultry Association will hold their third annual show December 7-10, 1909, at Crothersville, Ind. The show last winter was a success financially and otherwise, and the indications are that the coming show will far outclass all previous ones. Mr. H. L. Bridges, of Crothersville, Ind., a rising young poultry judge who placed the awards at the last winter show and also at the Crothersville Fair, will again place the ribbons. Mr. Bridges has given good satisfaction at previous shows and we feel sure that all who exhibit at our show this winter will get all they deserve at the hands of the judge. Officers of the association are: L. E. Whitsitt, Pres.; Chas. Blau, V.-P.; F. B. Butler, Treas., and Elmer O. Briner, Secy., Austin, Ind., R. R. No. 1.

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NOTICE TO ANCONA BREEDERS.

Now since the Ancona Club of America have the new standard for Anconas, we desire to get in touch with every breeder in the United States and Canada, and ask that lovers of this handsome breed and egg machines join our club and help us push it to the front.

As a special inducement for breeders to join the club at this time, we will give a fully paid up membership to October 1, 1910, for 50 cents. This offer is only good until November 1, 1909.

From all sources breeders are showing their good will and interest in the club affairs. Your interest is ours, and if you are not a member, we want you to join. We want your influence and it will help you to join in with us. It will give you a standing as a breeder.

A good member in every community makes a claim on our help, and a pull for our club prizes, and every prize you win adds a value to your flock. Our membership has more than doubled since July 1.

Write at once for an application blank, or send in your application for membership and I will issue you a membership certificate. Do this at once, so that your name may appear in the list of members, which will be published in our new catalogue. Geo. Johnston, Sec.-Treas., 377 South Detroit Ave., Toledo, O.

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DAYTON, OHIO.

The first annual show of the Dayton Fancy Feather Club will be held in the new Memorial Building, Dayton, Ohio, December 28, 1909, to January 1, 1910, inclusive. The former association, the Miami Valley Poultry and Pigeon Breeders' Association, met with every success at their first show December, 1908. The members of the above association at their September meeting reorganized, giving it the new name, the Dayton Fancy Feather Club, and incorporated same under state laws. This puts the new club on permanent foundation, assuring every exhibitor a square deal. W. C. Pierce, of Indianapolis, has been secured to judge the poultry, and Geo. Ewald, of Cincinnati, to judge the pigeons. The following officers were elected: E. M. Abbott, Pres.; M. M. Wampler, Vice-Pres.; C. R. Gardner, Genl. Secy.; Frank M. Betz, Poultry Secy.; W. H. Smith, Pigeon Secy.

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NOTICE TO POULTRY ASSOCIATIONS.

As secretary of the American Black Minorca Club and of the International Rose Comb Black Minorca Club, I am authorized by both clubs to offer ribbons respectively for Single and Rose Comb Black Minorca exhibits in the leading shows of the United States and Canada, therefore I take this way to say to the secretaries of poultry shows: If you will print the following offers in your premium lists and send me a copy of the premium list as soon as printed, I will send you attractive card certificates to

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hang on the coops of winning Minorcas. These cards are to be returned to me by the show secretary at the close of the show, signed by the show secretary. I will send ribbons in exchange for the cards to the successful exhibitors who are members of the club and will keep the cards on file as records of the club for future reference. Following are the forms of the notices:

The Inter-National Rose Comb Black Minorca Club offers special ribbons each, for first prize Rose Comb Black Minorca cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen, to be competed for by members of the club and applicants for membership who send \$2 fees for initiation and first year, before the judging commences. The number of ribbons won will be credited to each winner in the club catalogue, and championship will be awarded to the winner of the largest number of club ribbons in each state. Geo. H. Northrup, Secy.-Treas., Middle Granville, N. Y.

The American Black Minorca Club offers special ribbons each for first prize Single Comb Black Minorca cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen. Competition open to members of the club and to breeders of Single Comb Black Minorcas who apply, with \$2, for membership before the show opens. The number of ribbons won will be credited to each winner in the club catalogue, and championship will be awarded to each winner of the largest number of ribbons in the state. Geo. H. Northrup, Secy.-Treas., Middle Granville, N. Y.

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NATIONAL WHITE WYANDOTTE CLUB.

Report of the meeting held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 11, 1909: The meeting called to order by President Charles D. Cleveland. Roll call was answered by the following members: George H. Rudy, Ill.; L. H. Densmore, J. C. Fishel, C. I. Fishel, Lee L. Persise, Ind.; W. P. Smalley, Okla.; O. E. Remson, Md.; M. T. Delano, Mass.; Earl Hemenway, Mich.; H. P. Rankin, Neb.; F. H. Dillingham, F. H. Davey, F. W. Corey, N. Y.; Charles Nixon, Charles D. Cleveland, J. H. Wolsieffer, N. J.; Charles Cram, Charles McClave, A. G. Clark, F. S. Hawn, Ohio; A. C. S. Berman, Vt.; Thomas Meek, W. Va.; Joseph Russell and John S. Martin, Canada. During the regular routine of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles D. Cleveland, W. Orange, N. J.; Vice-President, John S. Martin, Port Dover, Can.; Secretary-treasurer, F. S. Hawn, Youngstown, O. Executive committee, M. F. Delano, Vineyard Haven, Mass.; J. H. Wolsieffer, Dunellen, N. J.; J. C. Fishel, Hope, Ind.; George H. Rudy, Mattoon, Ill.; W. P. Smalley, Shawnee, Okla. The Chicago show was selected as the place for the winter meet, and the club will offer \$100.00 in cash as special premiums. It was also decided to offer \$100.00 at the New York show. The financial statement of the secretary-treasurer shows total receipts of \$1,231.02, with disbursements amounting to \$1,040, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$191.02.

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BRANFORD, CONN.

The fourth annual show of the Shore Line P. P. & P. S. Assn. will be held in Pythian Hall, Branford, Conn., December 8-9, 1909. The Shore Line boys are planning to make this one of the best shows ever held in the "state of wooden nutmegs," and the unqualified success of their three previous shows makes it probable that their plans will bear good fruit. Branford is a lively manufacturing town, just now in the most violent throes of an epidemic of "hen fever," and should prove a mighty good place to make sales for the exhibitors. The public is taking a deep interest in the coming show, it being the first ever held in the town, and this fact, together with Branford's close proximity to New Haven, should fill the aisles from the time the door opens. A big list of specials, cups, etc., the best judges and the Shore Line Association's well-known policy of "a square deal and a guerd hand to all," should make the fourth annual of the Shore Line Association a date to figure on. Premium lists and full particulars from Paul P. Iris, Secy., Guilford, Conn.

FAILURE FROM LACK OF BUSINESS METHODS.

As so many have different methods of doing business in the poultry world, I have thought that it might be a good idea to call attention to some of the items that influence success in the fancier's business. It is an old saying, "That he who by his biz would thrive, must either bust or advertise." However, it is not all to simply advertise in the papers unless we pay some attention to the inquiries through the advertisements that we place in the papers. We must not blame the publishers if we leave our part undone. For instance, here is a party that receives several inquiries in regard to the price of eggs or stock and it is our duty to answer immediately, even though no stamp is sent for reply, but in too many cases the answer is not sent and all on account of the absence of the stamp. All inquiries will not result in a sale to each inquirer, but it might do so and in the business world it is not customary to send stamps for reply unless questions are for personal benefit.

If a person writes to you asking questions about matters that do not refer to business, then he should enclose a stamp for reply. In my own writing I always enclose a stamped envelop for a reply and I generally receive a reply, although in some cases I do not. Again it is businesslike to answer as soon as you receive the inquiry, as it is in many cases the cause of a sale where, if not answered immediately, the sale is lost. I have known many sales lost on account of tardiness in answering inquiries. In shipping chickens it is well to remember that express companies charge quite high for birds, and please do not ship an eight-pound bird in a sixteen-pound box, as it has a tendency to make the purchaser think that your business methods are not of the best. You should have some respect for the buyer's finances as well as your own. There seems to be so many persons in the poultry business who are inclined to be slack in their methods and it will not pay in the long run, as many have found to their sorrow. Last, but not least, I would say, be honest in all of your transaction, do not sell eggs that are not from your own hens unless you so state it and do not buy any old thing of some one else and ship it as your own. I could give some facts that have come under my personal observations that are disgraceful and yet there are many who make a dollar or two of more importance than a good reputation.

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Answers to Questions

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Question—I am a reader of Poultry Fancier and would like for you to answer the following: Are S. C. R. I. Red pullets without ticking in hackle and cockerels with ticking, fit for breeders? Do all R. I. Reds have white in their first feathers? Do all R. I. Red breeders use the double mating system?

Answer—Pullets without ticking in hackle and cockerels with ticking are oftentimes used in the breeding pen. Many breeders use birds of this kind to produce choice show specimens. Nearly all R. I. Red chicks will show a little white in plumage. Some of them have considerable white until they are four or five months old and afterward moult into good color. All R. I. Red breeders do not use the double mating system.

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Question—Is it necessary to starve bantams and stunt them in that way to get the small Standard weight birds?

Answer—No. Breeders who practice such methods work against themselves, as the birds, when placed in the breeding pen, will prove a disappointment. The eggs will not be so fertile and the chicks that hatch will not be so healthy or mature properly. The secret is to feed well and select the smallest birds as breeders, and especially the females.

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Question—Will you kindly answer the following questions in next issue? When will the separate breed Standard for Wyandottes be placed on the market, which is mentioned in connection with the report of the Niagara Falls meeting, and what will the cost of same be when published? Where can I get the separate Standard for Plymouth Rocks which was spoken of so much last year and what is the price of it? Will the feeding of yellow corn and beef scraps cause brassiness in White Wyandottes or other white varieties, if fed in moderate quantities?

Answer—We are unable to give you the information you desire relative to the separate breed Standards. In fact, we do not believe that the Executive Board of the American Poultry Association has

really taken any definite action in the matter as regards the time of publishing the Standards, and the price. Write to S. T. Campbell, Secy., Mansfield, O., and he will give you complete and authoritative information. In regard to the feeding of yellow corn, will say that this is a question which has never been satisfactorily settled. We are mailing to you today a back number of Poultry Fancier containing several opinions concerning the matter.

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Question—I am interested in Houdans and in looking over the poultry journals I find but few advertisers of this breed. Please inform me if the birds are unprofitable as layers? Do they lay a large egg? Are they good for table and market purposes? How are they for hardiness? Are the chicks easily raised? How are they for breeding fine specimens, and does it take more skill to produce high quality birds than is the case with most other breeds? What seems to be the drawback with the Houdan?

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Question—Are judges supposed to answer questions in the show room?

Answer—Only as a matter of courtesy, if the questions are asked by visitors. Questions asked by exhibitors are supposed to be answered fully if they pertain to the judges' awards, but a judge is not compelled to answer a lot of mis-

cellaneous questions upon poultry in general. Judges as a rule are very pleasant and accommodating and will cheerfully do many things they are not required to do.

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Question—How much lopped must a comb be to disqualify a bird?

Answer—It must fall over from an upright position to such an extent that some portion of the top is on or below the level of a horizontal line extending from the top of the head at the base of the comb.

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Question—What are the rules under which poultry associations accept birds for exhibition?

Answer—They are numerous and differ greatly with individual associations. Intending exhibitors should write to the secretary of the association at which he wishes to exhibit and ask for a premium list, which will be mailed free of charge.



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ROSE COMB RHODE ISLAND REDS AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR.

At the Indiana State Fair, held at Indianapolis, Sept. 6 to 10, there were 50 single entries in the rose comb variety of the Rhode Island Red class, 20 more than in that of any other variety of chickens shown. The next in point of number exhibited was the White Plymouth Rock, with 39 single entries. There were also seven pen entries in the Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Class.

This is a fair indication of the popularity obtained by this wonderful variety of fowls, and must be very gratifying to such well-known breeders as Messrs. Irving A. & Frank Churchill Sibley, of South Bend, Ind., who have done so much towards the development of these birds in the west and who have for years been among those to whom a large share of the prizes were awarded, and from whose yards a still larger number of first-class prize winners have come.

At the Indiana State Fair they were awarded first prize on pen, first and third prizes on cocks, and second prize on cockerels, and many of the other winners were descended from their stock.

The Sibley birds are noted for their shape, being uniformly of the typical Rhode Island Red type, long bodies and oblong, as well as beautiful in color.

Mr. McCord, who was the judge of Reds at this fair, remarked that the pen exhibited by the Messrs. Sibley was by far the best which he had ever seen, both as individuals and as being properly mated for results.

The Sibleys tell us that they have raised something over 2,000 birds this season, and we take great pleasure in commending those of our readers who are looking for stock with which to improve their flocks to them. Send for their special sale list describing and pricing a special lot of birds for both fancy and utility purposes. Address Irving A. & Frank Churchill Sibley, 1032 E. Jefferson St., South Bend, Ind. Mention P. F. when writing.

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S. D. Lapham, Box F, Dearborn, Mich., has again downed all competition with his Gold Medal Strain of Buff Plymouth Rocks. Readers will note by referring to his ad in this issue that at the big Michigan State Fair at Detroit, September 2 to 10, he won every first prize offered, including cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen. He also won four second prizes and two thirds. This is ample evidence that the Gold Medal Strain still leads in quality and that Mr. Lapham can supply his customers with stock that will give them entire satisfaction. He has over 1,000 head of the best young birds ever raised and he is also offering at bargain prices over 200 head of old stock in order to make room for his young birds. He issues a beautiful illustrated catalog that will prove of interest to breeders of Buff Rocks and a copy of it may be obtained free by addressing S. D. Lapham, Box F, Dearborn, Mich.

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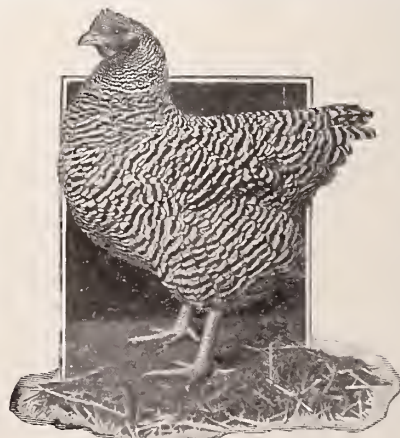
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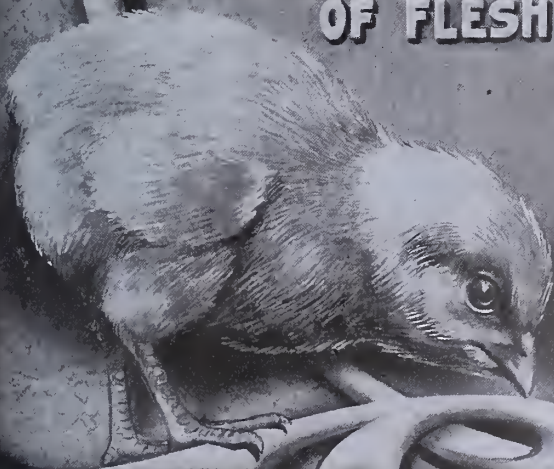
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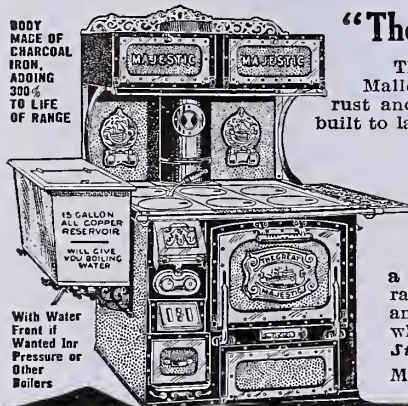
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By LLOYD C. MISHLER



THE last week before the show is always a busy one, especially if the birds are to be shipped any great distance. The fowls are to be cleaned, coops made ready, and preparations made for the owner or his agent to attend the show in person. There are many successful exhibitors who do not attend the shows personally, but there are so many advantages to be gained by so doing that I have always followed this rule. You are always at hand to care for the wants of your birds, to interest poultrymen in your variety, makes sales, and find out just where your birds are stronger or weaker than those of your competitors.

We always like to get our shipping coops ready a long time before the show and we use large roomy coops. Some breeders ship in very narrow coops, with the idea that the birds can not turn around in them and hence will not break the tail feathers. Our experience has been that if the birds want to turn around, they will, even in a narrow coop. Some shows require that birds be sent in single coops. A coop for a single female should be at least 14x20 inches, and with a depth of 20 inches. For a male it should be 18x24 inches, and 24 inches high. A good floor should be used and the sides may be of heavy cloth or light lumber, but if the former the coop must be slatted on the outside closely enough so that the fowls cannot get out of the coop if the cloth were torn, otherwise you will have a higher express rate to pay. If lumber is used the boards should be free from knot holes or cracks for at least 18 inches from bottom so as

to prevent drafts over the birds. Provide ventilation by leaving the top boards of sides down an inch or two from the top of the coop. Tops of coops should be slatted and covered with the thinnest grade of muslin, so that the fowls will not attempt to fly out and hence injure heads. The bottoms of coops should be covered with clean, short straw or clover chaff. A watering cup should be placed in the corner of each coop about a foot from the floor. We do not care for the birds to have much water if the journey does not take over a couple days and the weather is cool. Very little grain feed is placed in the coop. We are always sure to place an onion and a piece of mangol or cabbage in each coop.

It has never seemed advisable to us to give black birds a thorough washing as the improvement is very little and the danger of the fowls contracting colds is great when the washing is done by an inexperienced hand. We confine our efforts to cleaning feathers principally on the surface. A soft rag is soaked in vinegar and wrung dry. With this we go over the bird, always rubbing toward the rear to avoid breaking feathers. As soon as the feathers dry, take a silk rag and polish them. The more glossy you can get the feathers the better chance you have of winning. The face comb and wattles can be washed with vinegar, whiskey or bay rum. We prefer vinegar. The main thing is to get them clean without causing the fowls pain. The legs should be washed and made perfectly clean. Then a little sweet oil is rubbed on and the legs polished. The spurs of old males are trimmed and polished nicely. Do not get any of the oil on the feathers, as it will spoil their appearance.

Having thoroughly cleaned your fowls they can be placed in the clean shipping coops and started on their journey. Always plan the time of shipment so that your birds will arrive in plenty of time to fulfill the requirements of the show association, but we do not like for them to arrive more than twelve hours before time for the show to open. If you are able to make the journey by the same

trains so much the better, because you can see that there is no trouble in transferring.

There are a number of things which are necessary for you to take with you besides your "wardrobe." Perhaps the most important is your wife, unless like the writer you are not blest with one. But for the benefit of your fowls take a small supply of grit, charcoal, vegetable feed, something which is not perishable, quinine capsules, a bottle of disinfectant, and such material as you will need for giving your birds another cleaning.

Before taking the fowls out of their coops at the show see that the exhibition cages are perfectly clean. If they have been used before you had better disinfect them. Then place your birds in their proper cages and give them plenty of fresh water. Afterward, give them a good feed, but no more than they will eat up clean. If you let them over eat they will get out of condition and not appear at their best when the judging is done. Every morning until after the ribbons are placed we go over our birds, giving them a cleaning and polishing. If the room is warm the combs will rapidly increase in size. To shrink them and make them stay in their upright position bathe the parts in alcohol. This hardens the comb. Do not do it very long before the judging is done. We believe that you have a legitimate right to do what you can to keep the fowls looking like they were at time of shipment, providing you do not cause them pain. To redden face and wattles or comb, oil of sassafras or whiskey is good. Train the birds daily. Occasionally take a female in hand and walk past the cages of the males. Watch them straighten up.

When the judge gets to work it is alright to be

within sight so that you can see what is going on, but do not get close to him or have any conversation privately with him until after the awards are made known. You may say nothing to affect his decisions and be perfectly honest, but some competitor might see you and think otherwise.

During the remainder of the show take care of any trade coming your way. Do not run down a competitor's birds. If the decisions have been against you "keep smiling" and determine to do better next year. You won't gain much by "kicking" and before making a complaint or spreading it around over the show room get the advice of two or three of those well informed, judges if possible.

Be sure to feed plenty of green feed during the show, but never allow feed to decay or mold in the coops. Keep them clean. Should any birds contract colds give them a two grain dose of quinine. If males get together and fight use vaseline on the wounded parts. Should there be any of your birds or any near yours get sick, get the superintendent's permission to remove the sick ones to a distant place. We have found it advisable to stay until the birds are cooped and do this part of the work ourselves. Otherwise birds are liable to be placed in wrong coops or some come up missing even in the best managed shows.

We hope that with the suggestions given in these articles and with your own knowledge of what an exhibition bird should be you will have in your possession, when you leave for home, a large bunch of ribbons, perhaps a cup, and that you have made a number of good sales. Learn to value the friendships you have formed with fellow breeders as the highest class of advertising.

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How to Properly Ship Fowls

The Wrong Way and the Right Way to Coop and Ship Birds to Customers and to Shows—Some of the Commonly Careless Methods that Cause Trouble and Loss.

By J. GAYLORD BLAIR

THIS feature of the poultry business has been discussed many times and it would seem that most breeders ought to know how to properly ship birds so that they will reach their destination safely, in good condition and without unduly high express charges, but still we hear of many cases where a buyer orders stock and when he goes to the express office to get it they find it in an old box or coop made of one-inch lumber, which weighs about four times as much as it should, and hence the express charges are high enough to discourage him at once. Again, we will find fowls shipped in a coop that is just about large enough for half of the number and not tall enough for the birds to stand in. This kind of a shipment is a very bad advertisement for the breeder and is some times the cause of birds getting out of condition to such an extent that the buyer will not accept them.

No bird for which the purchaser pays his good money should be delivered in a coop that prevents it from standing comfortably in a natural position, whether the journey is for fifty miles or five thousand. All birds sent out should have room enough to stretch to their full height and to scratch in the litter in the bottom of the coop for their food. A coop twelve inches in width and eighteen inches in length is about right for one bird of the American varieties. When more than one bird is to go in one coop no greater number should be placed in it than can sit together upon the bottom of the coop comfortably and with a little room to spare.

It is an advantage to a breeder of fancy poultry as well as all others interested in the advancement of poultry culture to have their shipments arrive at their destination in good condition. And for that reason it is the duty of every breeder to furnish every thing required for the safety and comfort of the fowls shipped by him. It pays the breeder to use attractive coops, because they command more respect and receive a great deal better care from the handlers en route, and if the breeder will have an appropriate label bearing his address and the varieties he breeds, upon his coops, it will prove to be an excellent advertisement and some times yields splendid returns. All these little points go toward making the breeder's success more certain.

In shipping birds in cold weather they must be protected from drafts, but still supplied with plenty of air to breathe. If they are set out on a depot platform somewhere to set there the largest part of the day, they must have protection from the cold wind. They must also be protected from the steam pipes in the steam heated express cars. The coop must, therefore, be built with sides and ends wind proof to a height greater than that of the bird when standing naturally, and the air must be admitted through the top or the sides next to the top. A slatted top is the best, and will allow plenty of air for the birds, provided there is nothing set on top of the coop, in which case all the air will be cut off if there are not places for ventilation near the top on the sides. When air is admitted in both these ways there is little danger of insufficient ventilation.

It is some times the case that a breeder will ship two male birds in the same coop, and the chances are when they reach their destination they will be all bloody and perhaps one of them dead from fighting. When shipping any considerable distance it is better to separate the males from the females, because an ill-tempered bird, irritated by confinement, may injure his mates by constantly pecking at them. All partitions separating males should be very strong, so that they will not be easily

access can be had to them readily for cleaning and also for placing the water in them from the outside. Food must also be supplied on these journeys, and the most satisfactory way is to have a small box attached to the coop for holding the food, but if the shipment is to go only a short distance it will be all right to place the food in the litter.

In shipping birds to shows it is well to have



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It is to the advantage of every breeder of Standard bred poultry to try to have all the satisfied customers he can get. They are good advertisements and it is the only thing that will make your business a success. To have a satisfied customer you must ship birds better than he expects, (give more than his money's worth), ship in light, but strong, attractive shipping coops, provide plenty of feed and water to last the birds on their journey, and whether cooping for long or short journeys the comfort of the fowls shipped must be the first consideration. Birds well cooped, almost invariably arrive safely, and this is what buyers expect when they pay the money to you.

Carlisle, Ky.

broken down and thereby enable the birds to get together. Cotton cloth is not sufficient for the purpose as it is too easily torn by the claws of the males, especially if the coop gets tilted on the journey, letting the bird stand on the partition.

Cups for watering the birds should be attached to the coop in such manner that they hang on the inside out of the way, but in such position that

What Has Happened to the Brahmas

A Breeder of Light Brahmas for the Past Forty Years Tells Why They Have Fallen and What Their Breeders Should Do to Put Them Again at the Top.

By JOHN RUMBOLD



OUR old favorite, the Light Brahma, is the noblest Roman of them all; grand in size, magnificent in style, beautiful in color, pleasing to the eye and satisfying to the owner. I am not speaking of all that are called by that name, but of those Standard bred birds that are worthy of the name. Twenty-five years ago they were the banner classes at every show, while now the largest exhibits number less than a hundred birds, and few can muster more than a quarter of that number. There are several reasons which combine to cause this state of affairs. The main cause which tends to hold them down to a minor position is that they have been bred away from the proper type—and, judges are few and far between who know what the proper type should be—or ignore the type described in the Standard of Perfection. Our present Standard describes a very different type of fowl from the ones which frequently carry off the prize ribbons. Both breeders and judges, if not show authorities, are to blame for this. In the first place the executive committees of all shows should be sure the judges they employ know what the Standard is, and men who will apply it, for it is a fact that most breeders seek to find out who is to judge the different breeds, and to know what type of the breed they favor—not necessarily the type called for by the Standard. Judges may be honest. I think they intend to be, and no doubt think they are doing the right thing, but oftentimes have ideas of what they think the type should be, and their type doesn't conform to that laid down by the Standard. Any breed of fowls bred away from utility lines is doomed. No matter how handsome they may be they must be capable of more than meeting expenses or they are short lived in the esteem of the general public. Originally Brahmas were great layers, good table fowls, and paid their way and made money for their owners; then they were long in body, long in leg, full in breast, close feathered and active for such large birds. The fad changed, breeders made Cochins out of them—short bodies, short legs, loose feathered, frequently as broad as they were, and are long and flat breasted. As this change was being made their egg production decreased until they lost their hold on every one but the few old breeders who knew and loved them in their palmy days, and like the writer—who has bred them for forty years—still cling to the type which our law demands, rather long in neck, rather long in body, rather long in legs, breast full and rounded. Just stop and think of it, how many birds of this type have you seen in the show room in the last ten years? Some I will admit have most of this type, but they usually fail severely in breast, and look like they have been struck with a board and their breasts knocked into the middle of next week. All true lovers of the

breed wish to see it rehabilitated and carrying the banner of popularity it deserves. What shall we do, brother fanciers, to have our favorites sit in the honorable places again. I say breed to the type laid down in the Standard. The color is now all that can be desired—we will only have to keep it up to its present perfection by doing away with, ruthlessly excluding from our breeding yards, every specimen that is short in the legs, short in the body, flat breasted, or has long narrow gamey head,—no matter how perfect the color may be, we will yet see the Light Brahmas occupying the proud position they once held and should again



Light Brahma Cockerel.

First prize bird at Decatur, Ill., Jan., '08. Score 94½ by Heimlich. This bird is one of the many good ones in the yards of L. H. Jostes, Rte. 2, Macon, Ill., who has some grand young stock for sale.

occupy. As a member of the American Light Brahma Club, I think it is a duty we owe to each other and to the breed, that we insist on the show authorities having well qualified judges, men who know just what the Standard demands, and let their awards be accordingly, and put a stop to Cochins masquerading in Brahma colors, destroying our greatest of all breeds of fowls beyond the hope of redemption.

Baltimore, Md.

Do you know the parents of the best birds you raise? It would be a good idea to keep track of the matter if you wish to gain steadily.

Keep the premises and buildings in neat and attractive shape. It will wonderfully increase the visitor's estimation of you and your flock.

Many failures in poultry raising are caused by trying to keep two birds in the room required for one. Beware of overcrowding.

A Plan to Register Prize Winners

Ex-Secretary of the National Langshan Club Establishes a Register for Black Langshans—A Plan Which if Feasible, May be Adopted by Breeders of Other Varieties.



SOMETHING new and of interest to all breeders of Standard bred fowls, is the plan of registering prize winning birds along the same lines as are adopted by horse, cattle and other live stock breeders. Herd books and pedigree records are kept for the purpose of advancing the interests of breeders and the promotion of the business in general. The plan in connection with fowls has at times been referred to by writers in the poultry press, but no one seems to have made any real attempt to actually start such a movement until the very recent effort of Mr. John Aldrich, Springfield, Mass. Mr. Aldrich is a prominent attorney and is an ardent admirer and breeder of Black Langshans. He has also been closely identified with poultry show matters at Springfield, and in view of his experience as a breeder he ought to accomplish tangible results with his registration plans. Upon receiving printed matter from him containing his form of register and application, we wrote him for detailed information and received the following letter:

Editor Poultry Fancier, Dear Sir:

Your letter regarding The National Langshan Register received. I am the sole proprietor, having resigned as secretary of The National Langshan Club for the sole purpose of putting this matter through. I am too busy now to go into a letter for publication, but will send one soon. One of the objects was to protect purchasers of show birds. Under this system they MUST get the bird they buy! There have been cases reported to me which looked as if the bird purchased was not the one shipped. Of course I am interested in the Langshans; shall continue to judge them wherever possible; shall exhibit where I do not judge, etc. I am interested in this alone as I find the machinery of committees which can not be gotten together (and this is usually the case) cumbersome, retarding, and ultimately destructive of best results.

I thank you for your inquiry, and shall be glad to say a word to your readers in a letter, or article for publication, in the course of two or three months. Just as soon, in fact, as my law work will permit.

Yours truly,

JOHN ALDRICH.

Mr. Aldrich's form of Register and Application blank are as follows:

THE NATIONAL LANGSHAN REGISTER

is a register or record of such fowls of this breed as have made winnings of not less than third position in any class in any show in the United States, or of any fowl that has made an unusually good egg record. Application for registration must be made upon form furnished by The National Langshan Register, which will be mailed free to any ap-

plicant. Affidavit of owner must accompany all applications, and anyone making false oath will be prosecuted.

Fee for registration shall be \$1.00 per bird, and this shall entitle bird to enter all contests. Registration shall last for three years, and if application therefor is made for renewal, may be renewed for three years more, but NOT LONGER. Fee for registration is \$1.00 per bird; for extension, 50 cents per bird.

The reason for this regulation is very plain, for few if any birds are of any value either as show birds, breeders or layers after six years from their first winnings or first egg record.

Stock hatched from registered birds shall, when not less than three months old, be entitled to registration by the owner of the parent bird, and shall thereupon become entitled to compete in all contests. Fee, \$1.00 for single bird; three birds from same stock for \$2.00.

It is not necessary that both parents of bird be registered stock; it is desirable, however, that as far as possible this be done.

Sale of any registered stock should at once be communicated to the registrar, so that new owner may be entitled to winnings.

To owners of registered stock the following offers are made: Two certificates will be issued to registered stock winning at any show in the United States. First-grade certificate to winners in any class, where there shall be at least three different owners exhibiting in the class in which winning is made.

Second grade, where there is at least competition between not less than two owners.

This shall not be construed to mean competition between owners of registered stock; and certificates will be issued to all winning first, second or third award.

Also three diplomas: First grade, to winners of first prize where there is not less than three exhibitors in the class; provided specimen has first won a certificate of either grade.

Second grade, to owner of bird winning first where there is at least one competing exhibitor; provided specimen shall have won a certificate of any grade.

Also to owner of registered stock winning the most points on certificates and diplomas in any and all classes at any and all shows in the United States during season of 1909-10, a gold medal; a second prize of a silver medal; a third prize of a bronze medal.

First-grade certificates and diplomas count 5 points.

Second-grade certificates and diplomas count 3 points.

When a bird has been registered, an absolutely indestructible and sealed leg band will be sent to owner, which leg band will bear the registration number. This band must be put upon and kept on the bird during period of registration. All certificates from show secretaries must bear this band number, and this alone.

Records of the Register will be always open for inspection by owners or purchasers of birds.

Classes as used in Register shall be cock, cockerel, hen and pullet. Following is the form of application:

APPLICATION

Is hereby made for registration—extension of registration of bird No.....—for registration of stock hatched from bird No....., mated to.....—in The National Langshan Register of cock, cockerel, pullet, hen of Black, White, Langshan. I hereby certify that I am the owner of said bird, that said bird won..... award at.....show, held at..... on the..... day of....., 19...., or was registered as bird No..... on the..... day of....., and that it is now wearing leg

band No....., or that said bird was hatched from eggs laid or sired by bird No....., or that said bird laid..... eggs in number during a period beginning on the..... day of....., 19...., and ending on the..... day of....., 19.... State County of ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this..... day of....., 19....

Justice of the Peace,
Notary Public.

From the Men Behind the Guns

A Symposium of Helpful Advice to Exhibitors Which Ought to be Carefully Read and Remembered by All Breeders—Pointers from Show Secretaries Who Know What They Are Talking About.

WERE you ever in a show room about ten o'clock the morning of the first day of the show when the expressman backs a two-horse load of boxes filled with what each owner hopes will be a prize winner, up to the door and literally dumps them in, any old way? If you have, you will realize that in cooping for shipment the exhibitor can help the secretary from the start. First, by procuring boxes large enough for a bird to stand up straight in and not quite touch his head, wide enough for him to turn without putting his tail out of shape or tying his neck in a knot. If you ship a pen, say one male and four females, in a box, have the box large enough so they have room to stand up without standing on top of each other. The plumage of many a white bird is ruined in just that way.

If you have a shipping box in sections and more than one cock or cockerel, be sure each is separate and that the partitions are tight and strong enough so that the birds will not be able to tear or break them. I once received a box of birds with two-inch mesh wire partitions, nothing over it, and a cock bird on each side. I took them both out with blood streaming from their heads—hardly a fit condition for being passed on by the judge the next morning, you will say. I also received four fine Barred Plymouth Rocks in a soap box fourteen inches high with four inches of litter in the bottom. The birds were so cramped that they could not stand up straight for twenty-four hours after, not taking into consideration the mussed condition of the feathers. Too much care cannot be taken in boxing your birds for shipment. Remember the express men do not handle them as you do and that a few broken tail or sickle feathers may alter the whole appearance of your birds.

Always use the tags sent you by the secretaries and always have your name stencilled on your boxes, so that after the show, when the birds are to be returned, there is no trouble locating your shipping box.

When you visit the show room and perhaps find the awards have not been quite what you thought you should have, don't go at the secretary as your cock bird would tackle a stranger in his yard. Ask for the information you want in a gentlemanly manner and you will receive it. Remember, he is not the judge and cannot alter the awards.

Read your premium list carefully. Read each rule carefully so that you will understand thoroughly every rule and every condition. It will save a lot of correspondence on the part of the secretary, who at that time has his hands full.

York, Pa.

J. WARREN LOVETT.

All exhibitors who possibly can attend the show with their birds should do so, and those who cannot should take all the care possible when preparing them for shipment so as to make it convenient for the secretary when the birds arrive at the show room.

Always write your very best and fill out the entry blanks as directed, taking care in putting down the correct number of the leg band for the right bird. After you have filled out your entry blanks do not wait until the last day to send them, but mail them immediately to the secretary. This will enable him to enter your birds and have your entry tags all ready to place on your coops as soon as they arrive at the show room.

When the day for shipping arrives you should have suitable coops. There are several good ones on the market that are made for this special purpose and it will pay the exhibitor to have some of them. Should the exhibitor desire to make his own coops he should take care in making them the right size and strong enough to stand the handling they receive enroute to and from the show.

Don't forget to place good, dry, clean bedding in the coops, chipped shavings being preferred. Many a valuable exhibition bird has been injured and become soiled by improper care of the exhibitor in crating. And, of course, the show superintendent and secretary are the ones who get the blame.

Place your full name and address on the shipping coops so when the secretary returns the birds he will find your address already on the coops and you are, thereby, assured of getting your own coops back again. Now, that your birds are shipped, leave

it to the show management to do the balance, unless you are to accompany them.

When the birds arrive in the show room do not become impatient if you have to wait a few minutes for the superintendent to place your birds in the exhibition coops. He is a very busy man at this time of the show and at best the work is very trying on his patience. Don't start to complain of the position you have in the aisle and of the light, etc. After your birds are all settled in their exhibition coops, look up the secretary or his assistant and get your entry cards placed on their respective coops, taking care to get the right one on the right coop.

After the judge has scored the birds do not be too anxious to get your cards from the secretary. He will get them out as soon as possible and the less he is hindered the quicker you will get them.

After the ribbons are up, don't start to kicking on awards. If you are certain a mistake has been made, go at it in the right way. If a sum of money has to be deposited with the association, place it with the secretary and he will see that the awards are fairly placed. If you are at the show yourself, do not wait for the association to feed and bed your birds, but do it yourself. Then when the time for recreating arrives, look up your coops and place your birds into them and get ready for shipment. Do not wait for the show management to do it. If you do not attend the show, but ship your birds in good shape, you may depend upon the secretary doing his part. Should an accident occur, be fair with the association. Most associations are run by fanciers, whom you can depend upon for giving an exhibitor a square deal and the exhibitor should in turn be fair with the show management.

Mineral Point, Wis.

ALLEN TUCKER.

Of all the persons connected with a poultry show, the secretary is the one who should have the sympathy of the public at large, and no doubt would, if they but knew what he has to contend with, and what he is blamed for. No matter what goes wrong the secretary is to blame. If the doorkeeper accidentally allows someone to enter without paying, he is to blame; if the superintendent accidentally takes care of one fowl better than another, in the mind of some owners, the secretary is to blame.

If the association accidentally "goes into the hole," the secretary is to blame for doing so and so, and if a deficit must be made up, the secretary is the first one asked. If the score cards are not put in place as soon as expected by some exhibitors, the secretary is to blame, and if there is any extra work to be done, especially if it be something that is not a "real nice job" the secretary is asked to do it.

The idea of this little article is to give to the fraternity a few object lessons, that they may make the load of the secretary a little easier to bear. First of all, remember that when a show is about to open he has his hands full, and should not be bothered any oftener than is actually necessary. During the time of placing awards, do not bother him, because he is a very busy man and hasn't time to be answering questions that really should have been asked the judge.

When the prospective exhibitors have made up their minds to make a display, it is their duty, and a duty that should not be overlooked, to make entries in advance of the show, that the secretary may

have plenty of time to make out the entry cards and record the same in the book and then have time to check the same to see that no mistakes have been made. Let the exhibitor wait until the arrival of his fowls, to make the entry and nine times out of ten he will want his fowls placed, weighed and tagged in about half the time it actually requires to do it. Do your part, Mr. Exhibitor, and the secretary will have everything ready for you. While the weighing is going on, do not bother him, for it is then that he is very busy recording the weight and is just as anxious as you not to make a mistake. Mr. Exhibitor, don't blame the secretary for your not receiving a premium, go to the judge and he will very often take the time and pleasure of showing you that your bird had a defect that you had not noticed. And if you should "lose out" altogether, don't blame the secretary and refuse to show again, but profit by your mistakes and try and produce fowls for the next year that will win and make you "feel good" toward the secretary.

If you are a little late in receiving your premium money or specials, don't "sit down and write these few lines," and call the secretary all the funny (?) names you can think of and some you shouldn't have thought of, for there are many others besides you who are to be waited upon, and unfortunately, your name may be towards the bottom of the list.

Mr. Exhibitor, "do unto the secretary as you would be done by." Give him the benefit of a doubt; put yourself in his place; remember, he is human and you and the secretary will get along better, even if matters do not roll along as smoothly as you sometimes think they should.

St. Mary's, Ohio.

F. F. ASCHBACHER.

The exhibitors at poultry shows certainly have a great influence in making a show successful. My remarks are intended for the young fancier making his or her maiden bow to the public, but may be read with profit by some of the old heads. If heeded, they will not only prevent confusion at the show, but will save the exhibitor embarrassment, if not serious loss.

Be sure you understand what is wanted on the entry blank before you make it out. Read it and re-read it. Every line or column has its significance. Write plainly and make an effort to have the blanks properly filled out and in the hands of the secretary several days before the entries close. Always band your birds before sending them to a show. Of course, the secretary generally has leg bands for accommodation, but that is not business. In banding your birds be sure to select bands that are numbered plainly and can be read at a glance.

If you cannot accompany your birds to the show be sure your name and full post office address; also express office, if different from the post office, appears upon the back of each coop, together with the number of coops and birds, thus: 1 coop, 2 birds in; 2 coops, 6 birds in. This not only enables the management to return your birds promptly, but throws a certain responsibility upon the express company in case of accident in transit.

Dows, Iowa.

J. L. LEE.

In poultrydom there are two kinds of grit; first, the kind the fowls need to make their food go; and, second, the kind the keeper should have to make the industry go.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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breeders how to produce the beautiful and valu-
able Standard bred birds which are the founda-
tion of all profit and pleasure in poultry raising.

October, 1909

Breeders of some of the older but
less popular varieties of fowls ought
to get together and push their favor-
ites into greater popular favor. A
lot of our best breeds are almost
"dead ones."

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If breeders would give as much
thought now, to putting weight on
their birds as they will a week or two
before the show, there would be
fewer birds lose the prizes on account
of cuts for lack of weight.

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We say it again—get rid of the
culls. Keep only the good ones and
breed from the best.

* *

Write us a letter for the depart-
ment "Letters from Readers." What
are your ideas upon some topic that
you think ought to be discussed.

* *

The first thing the beginner needs
is a copy of the Standard of Perfec-
tion. We don't say this to try to
sell you a copy of the book. Buy it
anywhere you please, but get one.
You need it in your business.

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If there is anything you want to
know about the breeding of Standard
bred fowls, ask us. Maybe we can
give you a satisfactory answer. That
is what our "Answers to Questions"
department is for.

A Most Surprising Condition

The Most Important Question Now Before Fanciers

The fancier of Standard bred fowls
has reached a place in the road where
he is forced to stop and in the ver-
nacular of the street urchin ask him-
self "Where am I at?"

The majority of us have always be-
lieved that we were doing a dishonest
act, defrauding our competitors, fak-
ing and making a rogue of ourselves
generally if we "fixed" our birds in
any way when preparing them for
the shows. Many a fancier, too con-
scientious perhaps, has left prize win-
ners at home or taken birds to shows
with defects, the removal of which
would have meant the winning of
coveted honors.

The faking of show birds has been
so prominently placed before the fra-
ternity recently and the matter is of
so much importance that *POULTRY
FANCIER* has undertaken to solve the
question of what is legitimate show
preparation and what is faking. We
have invited judges and breeders to
express their views and the first lot
of letters are printed in this issue.
Others will appear next month and
perhaps the following month. It is
perhaps pardonable to state that no
articles of so great importance and
interest have ever before appeared in
the poultry press. Every breeder who
exhibits a bird at poultry shows is
vitaly interested in the question. It
is distinctly unfair for some of us to
remove defects, while other breeders
do not. All ought to be upon an equal
footing. If it is right and proper to
pluck off-colored feathers we should
all know it and be permitted to do it.
The same is true in connection with
scores of other defects. The letters
which appear elsewhere in this issue
will be read with inexpressible sur-
prise by perhaps thousands of breed-
ers. Some of the oldest and most re-
spected judges tell us that many
things are strictly honest, which the
majority of breeders have always con-
sidered fraudulent and faking. Mr. I.
K. Felch says that exhibitors should
be allowed to make the finest display
possible regardless of whether they
buy, borrow or steal the birds, and
that he who shows his birds in a nat-
ural condition will lose nine times in
ten. He also openly approves meth-
ods of preparation which the Stand-
ard law says is faking. Mr. Wm. Mc-
Neil, another old-timer and one of the
leading Canadian breeders, acknowl-
edges that he "fixes" his birds in all
sorts of ways to remedy disqualify-

ing defects. D. M. Owens, one of our
leading Southern judges, says that it
is perfectly proper to remove false
colored feathers and that breeders
should be permitted to use any means
they can to put their birds in the show
room in best possible shape. C. T.
Corman says that it is all right to pluck
black feathers from Barred Rocks
and black feathers from all white
varieties. Judge Collier, one of the
best known breeders and judges on
the Pacific Coast, says that exhibi-
tors have a right to pull "down" from
between the toes of a bird and to do
other things of the same character.
Mr. Rigg says that the whole ques-
tion is one that each exhibitor must
decide for himself and that one's own
idea of right and wrong will alone
govern the matter. He expresses the
opinion that an exhibitor can go very
far practicing questionable methods
and still be within the limits prac-
ticed by a very large majority of ex-
hibitors. Mr. Phil. Feil gives it as
his opinion that "legitimate faking"
is the removal of any objectionable
feature which does not make the bird
unfit for breeding or that would leave
it in such condition that you would
buy or breed it yourself. Mr. W. H.
Card says that these laws as regards
disqualifications are farcial back num-
bers and being man made should not
disturb an exhibitor's conscience. He
favors the removal of side sprigs from
combs and other equally objectionable
features. C. A. Emry approves of re-
moving purple barring and white tips
in black fowls and gray feathers in
white fowls, also other similar de-
fects.

With all this and much more con-
fusing advice which the reader will
find in these letters as published this
month, what are we to do? One of
the things we ought to do is to get
together in our views of right and
wrong. If it is right to pull stubs
and down and false feathers and re-
move side sprigs and many other
things of a like character, we ought
all of us know it and be permitted to
do it. If it is not right to do it, we
should all refrain from it. But what
about the exhibitor who persists in
it and believes it is right and will do
it regardless of circumstances? It
looks like other exhibitors are justi-
fied in doing it in self defense. Surely
here is a knotty problem to solve. We
would like to hear from all of our
readers regarding it.

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Don't have a breed of fowls that
does not appeal to your idea of beauty
as regards color and shape.

Send your birds to as many good
shows as you can this season. There
is a lot of satisfaction in knowing
that you have bred better birds than
some one else and if you win a few
prizes, you get a reputation that will
be financially profitable.

* *

Don't try to keep "57" varieties of
fowls. The fewer the better and
you'll do better with only one.

Poultry Fancier wants a special rep-
resentative in every locality, and we
would like to hear from all of our
readers who would be interested in
a proposition that would prove profit-
able to them.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

Uncle Ike Felch is still wedded to his decimal score card and a lot of other good breeders continue to flirt with it.

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Not only is the American Poultry Association on its way but it thinks it knows where it is going.

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After Messrs. Gorline, Babcock, Felch, Robinson and others, finish the controversy which is now raging in **SUCCESSFUL POULTRY JOURNAL** and the scientific problems under discussion are solved, we beg to respectfully suggest most thoughtful consideration of the following questions which have long been uppermost in the minds of poultrymen:

1. How many ribs has a fowl? 2. If a hen swallowed two grains of wheat (marked a and b) at the same time, which would pass through the digestive organs and become an egg in the quicker time, and why? 3. What is the distance that an egg traverses from the ovary to the open air, and estimate the pace it travels per second? 4. If it took an Orpington hen two days to consume a sack of wheat, how long would it take a Pekin bantam to eat its way through a glass window? 5. State the number of turns and twists a grain of corn follows before it arrives at the gizzard, and give the names of the streets. 6. Supposing the total weight of a fat cockerel was 8 lb., what would be the exact weight of the merry-thought? 7. What is the eating capacity, respectively, of a day-old chicken, a consumptive duck, a modern Langshan, and a half-starved Minorca? 8. If dubbing so much improves a Game cock for show purposes, what would happen if you cut its head off? 9. If the beating of a fowl's heart was regulated to one beat a second, would it be possible to make it crow every hour, and how? 10. At what degree of temperature does an Ancona cockerel perspire?

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Editor Robinson of the National Barred Rock Journal says that if Barred Rocks and Barred Rock breeders were eliminated from the journals and the fancy, they would look pretty sickly. * * * And we might add that the National would look sickest.

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One at a time, now! Don't crowd and push. I will show my new Buffalo calf to all of you.—Chas. A. Cyphers.

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Say, Charlie! Why not call it a Cyffalo?

* *

Mr. Platt has almost caused me to believe that Lakewood Farm is growing.

* *

Come on in and see us, but do not track up the new office rugs or stick your feet up on the desks.—Drev. and Bill Denny.

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Some few bodies were surprised that the judges' examining committee business fell through as they were

looking for work. "Crusty" Nourse and William Denny both fell down on their tasks, eh? Your Uncle J.G. McReynolds opened up on the new system too. Didn't you notice his flow of acrimony?

P. S. This is a joke.

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I'll get ten dollars of Crawford's ready mazuma or die trying.—E. T. De Graff.

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By De Forrest we hear that the A. Y. P. show is over and exhibitors and judges from the central west are well satisfied.

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Let up on the press work, Theo. We all know you are going to run the next Chicago show. A blind man could see it in the middle of the night in any hen journal.

* *

If the A. P. A. keeps after the fakirs and cheats there will be a host of them hidden under cover when found.

* *

Theo. says the A. P. A. is getting top heavy with officers. Did he ever stop to think that by paying members' expenses to meetings was one way of getting out a few of the boys?

* *

I never said a word of it.—F. C. Hare.

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Every once in a while something happens.

That's how it is that Babcock is with us. And we might add that ever since his arrival things have been happening.

In our little thumb-nail biographies of chicken fanciers we take those who first come to mind. Babcock is in our mind now, so he gets his while the

rest of the lineup are breathlessly waiting the time when they get this free advertising. Speaking of folks being in other folks' minds it might be well to say that when Babcock gets into the public prints he is generally in everybody's mind.

Babcock may not like this biography, and we wouldn't blame him if he paid his fare to Heck's sanctum and kicked the roof off. The most useful part of Babcock's chicken life has been given to tearing the stuffing out of greenhorn's chicken knowledge and in this manner he has brought many a new one to the footlights. The new writers like this for it is advertising without the statement of account attached.

Our subject was born down East somewheres. He must have been; down East, I mean, not born. I first heard of him when he was contributing to the Century magazine. He was for a long time the whole thing in chicken litterature. Editors of the big magazines were at his house in the morning before sunrise asking the butler who butted Babcock if they could not get him to write something for them. Being naturally backward about coming forward, it was hard work to get him to say anything at a reasonable amount per word. Roosevelt in Africa simply isn't in it with the way Babcock had them coming. They paid him for his periods. He made a lot of them.

Babcock never raked muck. He has been busy with his new breeds, the Juggernauts being his present hobby. The fanciers of America have not fallen for them as yet, as the signs are not right. The sign must be in the knees to make the Juggernauts take hold of one. This being all and a lot more than we know about Babcock we will close for this time, with love to the family.

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are the result of scientific line breeding. My male line is the same strain that is winning a greater percentage of prizes at the leading shows than all others combined. If you are in need of a breeding male or show bird, or a cockerel bred pullet or hen on which to found a male line I can supply you such quality as other breeders reserve for themselves. The "Quality" Rocks know no equal.

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Marvelous cockerels coming on for the December and January shows that will certainly make grand records, bred from Champion 2nd, one of the most noted winners in America. The Regal Strain has made a wonderful record and stands as a leader in good White Wyandottes. Send for free circular.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

This department is for the purpose of giving publicity to the views of our readers who would like to express themselves briefly upon topics that are of interest. A hearty invitation is extended to all our readers to use the department freely.

DISQUALIFYING COCHINS.

Editor Poultry Fancier:

I have read in September issue the article by Dr. Ballard of Chenoa, Ill. One point he refers to is that of a certain judge who disqualified his Cochins some 15 years ago for outer toes not being feathered to their extremities. This in my opinion is a good point upon which to get the opinion of as many judges as possible. The writer bred Cochins some years ago and always supposed that the Standard was plain on this disqualification. Let me quote from the Standard of 1894, this will cover the period of which Dr. Ballard refers, as he states it was some 15 years ago. On page 62 of that issue of the Standard, referring to Buff Cochins under disqualifications we find it reads "Outer toes not feathered to their extremities." In the description referring to how the outer toes should be, it reads "the outer toes being feathered their entire length." In the present Standard the reading is materially changed and it specifies that outer toes must be feathered to the last joint, otherwise the specimen would be disqualified. I, for one, would like to have the question raised by Dr. Ballard passed on under the conditions of the wording of the Standard of 1894, by as many judges as care to rule on it. I should like to state the matter in this way. In judging Cochins under the Standard of 1894, should a bird be passed and scored if the outer toes were not feathered to their extremities. Dr. Ballard admits in the case he refers to, that they were not. Yet he says that he stated the conditions to a number of judges in writing and they all agreed that the birds should not have been disqualified except the judge who did the work. Recently we heard no small amount of murmuring at the recommendation of the Revision Committee's report in which they advised dropping from the Standard of 1910 all disqualifications except deformities. This report or recommendation was not only quite extensively circulated and discussed in the poultry press but was voted down at the meeting at Niagara Falls, which means we are to still have the disqualifications in our forthcoming Standard. It is just such differences of opinion as that mentioned by Dr. Ballard that cause trouble and the complaint that judges do not agree and that there is such a lack of uniformity. Our work under the Standard of 1894 is a thing of the past, yet it will do no harm to look the facts squarely in the face and decide what was meant by the wording of the Standard wherein it read that outer toes not feathered to their extremities should disqualify. In other words did the judge do right, taking the

Doctor's own statement, or should he have passed the birds and done as the other judges to whom he stated the acts, who in return agreed the birds should not have been disqualified. Let us be fair and honest in the interests of the past, present and future.

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CENTERVILLE, IOWA.

The Appanoose County Poultry Association will hold its next show Dec. 1-4, 1909. Judges, W. G. Warnock, Geneseo, Ill., and Fred S. Smith, Bigelow, Mo., will place the awards.

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BUFFALO MEANS BUSINESS.

The executive board of the New York State Branch of the American Poultry Association met Sept. 15, at Syracuse during the State Fair. A Buffalo delegation put in a bid for the next meeting of the branch to be held in conjunction with the International Show at Buffalo, Jan. 25-29, 1910, and they got it. All the A. P. A. members present, including the executive board, pinned on "Buffalo Next" buttons and we can look for a rousing meeting of the State organization during Show Week.

Having landed the state meeting, the enthusiastic poultry organizations of Buffalo, backed by the Chamber of Commerce, are hot after the A. P. A. meeting for August, 1910. They gave several reasons why Buffalo should have this convention. It is the birthplace of the American Poultry Association, centrally located for the majority of A. P. A. members, reduced rates on all lines, good accommodations very cheap, coolest city in the United States in August, surrounded by pleasure resorts and famous poultry plants, and a good field for new members, as Buffalo has more poultrymen than the square inch than any other city.

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George H. Burgott, Lawtons, N. Y., is poultry superintendent; Howard J. Young, of Buffalo, pigeon superintendent; Mrs. A. Butterfield, Niagara Falls, N. Y., canary superintendent; J. Thomas Harp, Buffalo, pet stock superintendent.

The list of judges selected at this date are Butterfield, McNeil, Winshall, McKenzie and Wagner for Canada, and Schwab, Webb, Drevenstedt and A. C. Smith for the States.

BIG SHOW AT INDIANAPOLIS.

The Fanciers' Association of Indiana will hold their tenth annual show, February 7 to 11, 1910. Special cash prizes are being offered specialty clubs, who hold their annual meeting and show with this association. \$50.00 in cash prizes above the regular prizes and \$10.00 in gold for best display and among the cash prizes offered. The Fanciers' Association have a reputation of paying every prize offered by the association. That reputation will be upheld by promptly meeting all obligations at the coming show. There will be nearly 100 silver cups offered, besides hundreds of handsome club ribbons. Some of the highest prizes ever paid for poultry have been paid for winners at this show, and it is acknowledged by fanciers who have stock to sell to be the best show in the country at which to dispose of good stock. Premium list will be ready in December. Judges selected are Pierce, Tucker, Kummer and Zika. For any information regarding the

show, write the secretary, C. R. Milhous, 25½ W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.

OAKLAND, CAL.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Alameda County Poultry Association and the fourth annual exhibition of the California Pigeon Club will be held in Oakland, Cal., at the Piedmont Pavilion, November 23 to 28. Much interest is being taken in this event on account of the excellent show hall which will give ample room to handle an exhibition of 3,000 birds single decked and with broad aisles. Mr. Henry Berrar, the well known poultry judge, will place the awards, and Mr. W. F. Whitman and Mr. C. B. Jennings, of Oakland, will judge the fancy and utility pigeons respectively. Handsome trophy cups, cash prizes and ribbons will be competed for. The following officers have charge of the joint show: Jas. Stansfield, president; W. E. Gibson, vice-president; Malcolm Lamond, treasurer; Wm. T. Frost, secretary, and W. C. Wheeler, superintendent. The premium list giving awards in full will be mailed to those interested upon request, by the secretary, William T. Frost, 1915 13th Ave., E. Oakland, Cal.

FREEPORT, ME.

The seventh annual show of the Freeport Poultry Association will be held at Freeport, Me., December 28-31, 1909. An unusually attractive list of cash and special prizes will be offered, including several silver cups, \$5.00 gold pieces, etc., besides the regular liberal prizes. Six successful shows have been held, and the plans put forth by the management contemplate a larger and better show than any that has preceded it. For information or premium list, address Geo. P. Coffin, Secy., Freeport, Me.

LEBANON, PA.

The members of the Lebanon Pigeon, Poultry and Pet Stock Association are getting busy as the show season is approaching. Many new members have been added to the already large membership list, and they are all exerting every effort to make the coming show a banner one for this part of the state. Many cash specials will be offered on poultry and pigeons. Mr. Theo. Wittman, Allentown, Pa., will place the awards on the poultry, and Mr. Joe Eibel, Lancaster, Pa., will place the awards on pigeons. These well known and efficient judges will insure all a square deal. Write for premium list. It will be ready about November 1. Samuel Black, Secy., Lebanon, Pa.

NOTICE TO LA FLECHE BREEDERS.

Breeders of this variety of fowls are requested to send their names and addresses to Elbert Wakeman, Secy. of the La Fleche Breeders' Association, Millneck, L. I., N. Y., and state what special prizes they are willing to offer at shows and also the number of birds they have for sale.

MISSOURI STATE SHOW AT ST. LOUIS.

The Missouri State Poultry Show has been located in St. Louis, Dec. 6-11. The business men of St. Louis have rented America's greatest Coliseum for that week at a cost of \$3,000. It is a new convention hall, and is the largest, best lighted, most modern and convenient show room in any city in this country today. The show will be cooped with Spratt's patent

exhibition coops, will all be on the ground floor, and no other show in America will surpass the Missouri State this year in any particular. The State Poultry Board is back of it with a \$10,000 appropriation by the state, the fanciers and business men of St. Louis are enthusiastically pushing the show, and the metropolitan press of that city agree to boost the show before and after, and make the winnings of every exhibitor worth something to him.

The premiums will be as large as those paid at any show in America. On pens, 1st, \$10.00; 2nd, \$5.00; 3rd, \$2.50. On singles, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$1.50. This season most shows of equal magnitude and importance will pay about half this amount in premiums and charge from \$2 to \$5 entry fee, but no one ever before heard of such a show being held in such a beautiful show room, in such a large city, with tens of thousands of people to see their birds, with so many specials offered, and only an entrance fee of 50c charged. Fifty silver cups will be offered, and the business men of St. Louis will offer hundreds of dollars worth of valuable special prizes, and \$100 in cash offered for the largest and best display. You can not afford to miss this show if you expect to exhibit anywhere this season.

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Write the secretary for premium list which will be sent you as soon as issued. Make this show if you don't make another this season. Money will be paid as soon as ribbons are tied. Premiums were paid in full in one hour after the judges began work last year.

T. E. Quisenberry, Secy.
Columbia, Mo.

ELGIN, ILL.

The Elgin Association will again hold a big show this season. Elgin has for years had a reputation of conducting one of the best shows in the state. The prizes are always liberal and breeders receive business-like treatment in every way. The judges this season are McClave and Falkner. Premium list may be obtained by addressing S. K. Preston, Secy., 279 Raymond St.

PITTSBURG, KAN.

The Pittsburg Poultry Association will hold its fourth annual show December 14 to 18, with C. A. Emry as judge. The members of the association expect to make their show the largest and best they have ever held. The secretary is P. J. Akins.

CANONSBURG, PA.

The second annual show of the Canonsburg Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held January 17 to 22. Pennsylvania breeders should not fail to place this show upon their list. Write for premium list to Geo. C. McPeake, Secy.

NOBLESVILLE, IND.

The sixth annual show of the Central Indiana Poultry Association will be held at Noblesville, December 27 to January 1. The secretary writes us that the Association intends making this show the largest in the state, outside of Indianapolis. They are centrally located, with excellent transportation facilities, and all details of the show will be handled on a strictly up-to-date basis. Write to Ralph Roubush, Secy., for premium list.

E. F. Peirce, R. F. D. 1, Port Clinton, Ohio, still has a few yearling breeders to sell that he used in his best pens the past season. His strain of Barred Rocks has time and again won the best prizes in strong competition, both for himself and his customers, and our readers will make no mistake in securing stock from his yards. He is one of the oldest breeders of this variety and has a reputation for pleasing his customers. He has 200 head of young stock for sale this season and the birds are as good as he ever owned.

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Faking is quite a question. When a man goes into a show room he should give his birds every chance to win. The man who pulls "stubs" from the sides of his bird's legs, hardly ever does a job that will fool a careful judge. To pull black feathers from a Barred Rock is not faking in my estimation. We often see a Rose that is beautiful and when we put a bud in our lapels we do not fail to pull the extra leaves. The man who wins on Barred Rocks necessarily must pull black feathers. I have bred Barred Rocks for years and I have found that my best birds will throw a black feather. The majority of the color pigment that goes to make up the Barred Rock is black. One of the ancestors of the Barred Rock was black. I believe that a man is in his rights when he pulls out faulty feathers in his Barred Rocks.

Some of the best birds grown will show "down" between the toes and a man is in his rights when he pulls it out.

A man who fakes a comb by cutting extra serrations, side sprigs and other breeding defects is not in his rights for the reason he deceives. He sells a bird that will throw a disqualifying defect. A man who pulls a solid black wing or tail feather from a Barred Rock is not within his rights for the reason that he gives the impression that the missing feather was lost by accident and as black is a hard thing to deal with in wing and tail feathers, he pulls a breeding

defect. The man who pulls a black wing or tail feather from a white bird, is pulling a breeding defect but the man who pulls a small gray feather from the down or other portions of his white birds aside from wing and tail is not pulling anything but an unnatural feather. It is the breeding defects that the judge should punish the hardest. The good fancier should groom his birds and give them every chance to win.

A man shaves because he looks better shaved. A man should take good care of his birds for the same reason. Men do not remove such things as moles for they leave a worse scar than the mole appears.

There is too much talk about faking and too little sense used in punishing it. The man who pulls the Buff Cochin tail so as to make it conform to the Standard, is faking and he should be punished. The man who dyes feathers so as to get rid of foreign color is hiding a breeding defect. Punish breeding defects but let good grooming take care of itself.

Harry H. Collier.

Tacoma, Wash.

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There are two kinds of faking, one is legitimate and the other is not.

What I call "Legitimate Faking" is to remove any objection that does not make the bird unfit for the breeding pen, or in other words to prepare a bird for exhibition that you would be willing to buy or breed yourself. In regard to black feathers in Barred Rocks, every breeder knows that it is impossible to produce a flock that does not have any black feathers, and knowing the makeup of the variety, we can scarcely expect anything else. I have bred and exhibited Barred

Rocks eight years, and would not think of discarding one because it had a few feathers that were black, or even white; but a red feather is a serious defect. I should disqualify for it and consider such a bird unfit for a breeder.

Trimming combs, removing side sprigs, plucking stubs or down from shanks or feet is surely faking, because no honest breeder would sell such a bird or think of breeding it. There is more difference regarding black in white birds than there is in Barred Rocks. I believe solid black should disqualify, but I never could see any serious defect in small specks of black or ticking, and it is generally admitted that ticked birds are the whitest. But when we say White Rocks or White Leghorns, why not have white? I am in favor of all our Standard disqualifications, and am glad that they were retained at our last meeting at Niagara Falls. Did you ever stop to think what it meant to remove disqualifications? That would only be a step backward and would ruin the fancy. You might as well pass a counterfeit dollar as to do that; we would not accept a lead nickel or a tin dollar, because we want a good one. So let us have good birds; we have enough counterfeits without making any more.

Conditioning birds cannot be called faking. What would you think of a man showing a horse white with dandruff and hayseeds on his back? Or a farmer showing a bushel of potatoes just as they come from the ground? I believe every breeder should do his best to prepare his birds in the best natural condition possible.

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Carlisle, Pa.

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Faking is quite a question. When a man goes into a show room he should give his birds every chance to win. The man who pulls "stubs" from the sides of his bird's legs, hardly ever does a job that will fool a careful judge. To pull black feathers from a Barred Rock is not faking in my estimation. We often see a Rose that is beautiful and when we put a bud in our lapels we do not fail to pull the extra leaves. The man who wins on Barred Rocks necessarily must pull black feathers. I have bred Barred Rocks for years and I have found that my best birds will throw a black feather. The majority of the color pigment that goes to make up the Barred Rock is black. One of the ancestors of the Barred Rock was black. I believe that a man is in his rights when he pulls out faulty feathers in his Barred Rocks.

Some of the best birds grown will show "down" between the toes and a man is in his rights when he pulls it out.

A man who fakes a comb by cutting extra serrations, side sprigs and other breeding defects is not in his rights for the reason he deceives. He sells a bird that will throw a disqualifying defect. A man who pulls a solid black wing or tail feather from a Barred Rock is not within his rights for the reason that he gives the impression that the missing feather was lost by accident and as black is a hard thing to deal with in wing and tail feathers, he pulls a breeding

defect. The man who pulls a black wing or tail feather from a white bird, is pulling a breeding defect but the man who pulls a small gray feather from the down or other portions of his white birds aside from wing and tail is not pulling anything but an unnatural feather. It is the breeding defects that the judge should punish the hardest. The good fancier should groom his birds and give them every chance to win.

A man shaves because he looks better shaved. A man should take good care of his birds for the same reason. Men do not remove such things as moles for they leave a worse scar than the mole appears.

There is too much talk about faking and too little sense used in punishing it. The man who pulls the Buff Cochins tail so as to make it conform to the Standard, is faking and he should be punished. The man who dyes feathers so as to get rid of foreign color is hiding a breeding defect. Punish breeding defects but let good grooming take care of itself.

Harry H. Collier.

Taconia, Wash.

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There are two kinds of faking, one is legitimate and the other is not.

What I call "Legitimate Faking" is to remove any objection that does not make the bird unfit for the breeding pen, or in other words to prepare a bird for exhibition that you would be willing to buy or breed yourself. In regard to black feathers in Barred Rocks, every breeder knows that it is impossible to produce a flock that does not have any black feathers, and knowing the makeup of the variety, we can scarcely expect anything else. I have bred and exhibited Barred

Rocks eight years, and would not think of discarding one because it had a few feathers that were black, or even white; but a red feather is a serious defect. I should disqualify for it and consider such a bird unfit for a breeder.

Trimming combs, removing side sprigs, plucking stubs or down from shanks or feet is surely faking, because no honest breeder would sell such a bird or think of breeding it. There is more difference regarding black in white birds than there is in Barred Rocks. I believe solid black should disqualify, but I never could see any serious defect in small specks of black or ticking, and it is generally admitted that ticked birds are the whitest. But when we say White Rocks or White Leghorns, why not have white? I am in favor of all our Standard disqualifications, and am glad that they were retained at our last meeting at Niagara Falls. Did you ever stop to think what it meant to remove disqualifications? That would only be a step backward and would ruin the fancy. You might as well pass a counterfeit dollar as to do that; we would not accept a lead nickel or a tin dollar, because we want a good one. So let us have good birds; we have enough counterfeits without making any more.

Conditioning birds cannot be called faking. What would you think of a man showing a horse white with dandruff and hayseeds on his back? Or a farmer showing a bushel of potatoes just as they come from the ground? I believe every breeder should do his best to prepare his birds in the best natural condition possible.

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stock. Then why tolerate anything that is hereditary?

In my opinion, anything that we would not buy or breed ourselves, but would fix up to show or sell, is nothing more than faking, and we can only be one of two things, either a Fancier of a Faker. So let us all be Fanciers. Phil Feil.

Canal Dover, Ohio.

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The editor asks me for a few words on "What is Legitimate Show Preparation, and What is Faking?" with "Faking in the Show Room" as a text.

This under the present condition of affairs is equivalent to asking, "How far in violation of the laws of The American Poultry Association is an exhibitor entitled to go in his work in preparing stock for the show room." The language of the law is simple, but forceful English.

The whole question is one of morals. It is a question which each exhibitor must decide for himself. He may go far, very far, and still be within the limits practiced by a very large majority of exhibitors. But he must not go too far, for if he does he will be punished.

These are the days when state and nation are seeking by legislative enactment to make better men; seeking by law to regulate not only the public, but the private acts of men. It is a state and national disease, but it will cure itself by time limitation. It is no wonder that The American Poultry Association, catching the disease, moved by the spirit of the times, is seeking to regulate, even to the finest detail, the conduct of its members.

The man's sense of honor, his idea of right and wrong, will alone govern each exhibitor in his preparation of birds for the show room.

Thomas F. Rigg.

Iowa Falls, Ia.

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There should be no question in the mind of any exhibitor as to what constitutes faking. Every man who puts a bird on exhibition knows beyond doubt

whether that bird has been faked. He knows whether he is perfectly satisfied with his own way of grooming. I take it that no one will dispute the assertion that anyone who will fake birds in order to sell them, or win a prize with them would steal if he had a good chance offered to do so. Faking is in its last analysis, laying a plan to secure something of value without deserving it. We would not think of buying a bird or a setting of eggs from a man who would fake birds in order to sell them or to win with them. Lying is just plain lying. Words, nods or winks can start a lie with equal facility, and we have known silence constituting a lie, pure and simple.

Above all, the fancier ought to be a sportsman. We have seen birds on exhibition which were owned by those who called themselves gentlemen, yet these birds were faked to the limit; and these owners branded themselves as being on a level with a thief.

These be strong words, but true. No man who makes a sale or a winning by unfair means, can shut his eyes and look inward at his own real self, and have respect for himself. A man who is satisfied to win with a bird or sell it by unfair means is either ashamed of himself, or has reached a very low stage in his trip to the bottom of social merit.

The man who fakes his birds in order to win, should be shut out of shows permanently, or until the "powers that be" are certain of his reform.

It is no excuse for faking to say that the bird has just a little "teeny-weeny" stub on his leg that could be pulled out without hurting it a bit, and that otherwise he was all right. Keep such a bird and breed him if you will; sell him with the stub in place, the buyer having knowledge of it, but do not imperil your hereafter, and put yourself in a position to despise yourself forever by faking the bird and winning a prize with it.

If making a sale or winning a prize lowers the moral scale by the least fraction, do not do it; you may lose

now, but you will win later, if you stick to fair means and open methods.

A. V. Meersch.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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This question of what is legitimate faking (if I may put it that way) and what is not legitimate is as hard to answer as to tell the danger line in the temperance question. Sweet cider is surely a harmless drink when first from the press, yet in time it develops into the most degrading and harmful of drinks; but we drink it day after day thinking to stop when the danger line is reached but that danger line seems like the "will-o'-the-wisp" leading us on until; well, this is no temperance sermon, yet just the same the danger line in preparing birds for show is as obscure as the above although my principle has been to differentiate between the natural and the artificial as my guide and mentor for my conscience in these matters. First and foremost we all know that the exhibitor who does not prepare for the show is a loser and furthermore as regards the ethics of the case these laws as regards disqualifications are farcical back numbers and being man made cannot or should not disturb an exhibitor's conscience in so far as he keeps within the bounds of natural preparation. The word natural is synonymous with the word truth. The word artificial is synonymous with the word untruth also deception, etc., therefore if an exhibitor takes artificial means to make his bird win, such as splicing feathers, keeping combs in shape and erect by hidden needles or fine wire, painting or dyeing feathers, etc., he has crossed the danger line and the A. P. A. law has proved that in such instances a member is liable to punishment for practicing these untruths. On the other hand no exhibitor was ever punished for removing a few black feathers from a white bird or like instances, nor for even pulling out stubs or feathers from shanks and side sprigs cleverly removed is even complimented, therefore, while in a measure a deception,



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are not amenable to the law; because any of the above disqualifications are unnatural to the breed and should be removed to place it in a natural condition in keeping with the breed. Surely it is to laugh to watch the evolution of a fancier in these matters. When a novice, his conscience is as large as an ostrich egg, but a few shows bring about a most alarming shrinkage and by the end of the season that self-same conscience is but the size of a humming bird's egg and I would even hazard the prophecy that it was by this time most decidedly infertile. As regards feather removing, there are over 8,000 on a hen and it takes a cracker-jack judge to ever tell where a half dozen off-colored ones have been removed. As regards pulling out stubs, just a little advice, be sure and pull out the hole as evidences of being removed is as bad as the stub (according to these man made laws). A word to the wise is sufficient and the unwise can read as they run.

W. H. Card.

Manchester, Conn.

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I am a firm believer in the Standard Law and have always interpreted it as I understand it. In judging, I have not taken any chances on any fowl or chicken that, in my opinion, had been tampered with, or in other words, been faked. The use of peroxide, bluing, chlorine, false coloring, the uses of butter color, oils of any kinds come under the ban. Doctoring ear lobes, removing side sprigs, pulling stubs from smooth legged breeds, plugging holes and kindred acts constitute faking, and all specimens that have been fixed should be promptly disqualified. In regard to removing black feathers from Barred Rocks, probably 80 per cent of this breed show a few black feathers, some of them perhaps only one or two in the body plumage. It is quite an impossibility to detect a few feathers that have been plucked from the body. "Wings and tail" cannot be tampered with. The Standard penalty for black feathers is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ points, hence we are of the opinion where these feathers have been plucked a mild form, at least, of faking results. Feathers from white birds showing plucking for "gray" or black are under the ban.

Producing artificial or unnatural results is faking pure and simple.

We are a firm believer in legitimate conditioning, such as careful posing or training, good washing when necessary, cleaning legs, feet and comb with good soap and water, in fact a good grooming is healthful.

C. H. Rhodes.

Topeka, Kan.

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In regard to the question "What is legitimate show preparation and what is faking?" there is positively no middle ground. Off colored feathers in plumage, stubs, feathers and down, are serious defects. There are others and all must be considered objectionable, and a fowl having these defects should not be used as a breeder. Like will produce like, and the offspring will resemble the parent or some re-

mote ancestor. When a bird has defects that should exclude it from the breeding yard, that bird should never be placed in the show room. There was a time when it seemed impossible to produce Minorcas, and other black fowls without white in plumage but today thousands are being bred absolutely free from this defect and it is more difficult to breed a black fowl free from such defects than it is a white one.

What the breeders of black birds have accomplished can be applied to other varieties and breeds, with equally good results. Plucking feathers is absolutely wrong, and I do not believe it is practiced by the best breeders.

Legitimate show preparation is to place the birds for exhibition in the very best possible sanitary condition. This means washing, grooming, and careful handling. If a faked bird wins a prize, the owner is likely to sell it, or consider it good enough to breed from, and the practice thereby is encouraged with the result that these defects will never be eliminated. Birds can be bred right, why not do it?

S. T. Campbell.

Mansfield, O.

The term faking as used in The Standard, includes the removing of all faults that in the exhibition room would stand in the way of a specimen showing to the best advantage. Also methods such as splicing feathers or plucking tails at a certain time, that they may show about right at a given time, also curling the feathers in this section or on the hocks of Cochins, or removing hock feathers, coloring gray or white in black fowls or buff varieties, cutting or burning white out of earlobes where it is a defect or a disqualification, pulling feathers or stubs from shanks, or what is termed "Down," trimming combs or side sprigs from combs, or coloring legs. Any or all of these I should call faking.

While plucking black feathers from Barred Plymouth Rocks, and gray ticking from white fowls is classed as faking in modification and justified by judge and exhibitor, it is faking, but wisely ignored by the breeder and fancier because of its being a natural inherited fault that detracts only from the general good points of a specimen upon closest inspection. Both of these defects must, and will in time be eliminated, as fanciers through se-



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lection of breeders with little or none of these faults, will breed it out, and with the progress made in late years, such faults will disappear almost entirely where breeders of these varieties fully grasp the now fairly well known laws of heredity, and persistently follow them out.

We are, as poultry breeders, only making a start in scientific knowledge of how to select, mate and perpetuate the best found in domestic animals and fowls. Our Standard makers have wisely made the laws, saying what should disqualify, and what should be considered defects only. The true lover and fancier may at times resort to what we term faking, but if honest with himself, his ambition to produce specimens that need not be faked to win honors, will keep him in the straight and narrow way that will lead to results, gratifying to himself and all lovers of all the perfect and beautiful found in our Standard fowls.

Legitimate preparing for the show room consists in keeping quality specimens intended for exhibition free from lice, when matured to show age, carefully handled and made gentle; if white fowls, thoroughly washed, twice, if necessary, the comb, face and legs washed and oiled by whatever process gives best results.

To fake or prepare a disqualified specimen is dishonest, and reflects no credit on its owner. Neither can it give genuine pleasure to a true fancier. In this, as in all true sport, the greatest satisfaction comes through honest effort.

D. T. Heimlich.

Jacksonville, Ill.

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This faking stunt makes me laugh. As the matter is now construed, there has not been an exhibitor in the last twenty years but who would be expelled from the American Poultry Association if his record was down in black and white and the Association followed its recent precedent. We should make a rule to disqualify any specimen that scores less than 85 points for fowls and 87½ for

chickens and we should allow exhibitors to make the finest display possible, regardless of whether they buy, borrow or steal the birds. A "specimen" is a bird that can be made into an exhibition specimen. Is there a single specimen shown in its natural condition? Not one. The mere act of showing a bird places it in an unnatural condition and the breeder who fits his birds by training, wins nineteen times in twenty by his art of conditioning and training more than one specimen. It is folly to talk about showing fowls in their natural condition. It is also folly to make stringent rules that will be ignored. A young chick may develop a minute side sprig and any breeder, the moment he discovers it, will remove it. If the tail of a bird is awry he will harness the bird to cure the defect, and if he can cure it, who is going to disqualify it? He who shows under natural conditions is surely beaten nine times in ten. This maudlin sympathy for the amateur is nonsense. Let him learn the necessities of successful competition. Until he does he must show for acquaintance and sale to those who detect in his string of birds that quality which

will strengthen them and then they buy from him.

Our exhibitions are becoming marts as much as for the mere awarding of prizes. My novice friend, do not be discouraged. Condition your birds and study the winners and see how you can make your own birds winners by feed, care, training and the plucking of foul feathers in time to see them grow out true to breed and name. Learn that six weeks before the show is the time to pick out your winners and care for them the same as the horseman trains his colts for the futurity stakes.

I. K. Felch.

Natick, Mass.

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Fixing birds for the show room is a matter understood by a small per cent of our exhibitors. The following things are not faking: Conditioning, handling, loosening the cushions of Cochins and Wyandottes, expanding tails of Leghorns, training, posing, etc., for Standard shape, using water and soap, giving thorough washing and cleaning, polishing of legs and beaks, plucking black feathers from Barred Rocks, removing purple barring and off-colored tips

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Faking is the removing of disqualifications, showing borrowed birds, advertising falsely and misrepresentation of facts. Showing a matured ten-months-old pullet for a hen, is also a deception hard for a judge to give justice. Our fakers that are undermining legitimate poultry interests are howling comparison judging. They want no record of them or their's, but they can ship a \$5.00 bird to an amateur at \$25.00, and glory in their work. Such are the greatest evil, and such the A. P. A., if honest to her members, will line up on the carpet. Justice demands it.

C. A. Emry.

Carthage, Mo.

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After reading some of the articles on preparation for shows in the September Fancier, the remark of the Editor that "Custom decrees that you can fake a little, but not too much," seems to come in quite appropriately; and the idea that Plymouth Rock breeders can fake, but breeders of White fowls must not fake, is all rot. It is just this kind of faking that caused so many breeders to recommend to the Standard makers the removal of all color disqualifications from the Standard. But they refused to do so, and the feather pulling will continue, and the person who does not do it will get left.

It is amusing to read some of the justifications for faking. For instance: "Often a white feather will appear in some varieties, caused by some injury, etc. These should be pulled out, and a record made of the same. The new feathers will usually be of the proper color, etc." My observation is, that the new feathers will not be of the proper color, and you will have to continue pulling them as long as the specimen lives.

It is the same with the stiff feathers, the twisted feather and the broken stubs. The very act of pulling out feathers at any other time than the natural moulting time is very apt to injure the young feathers, so you can almost depend on having them show the ill effect of the pulling.

Another idea, and a new one to me, is that "Nothing will affect color and bring out purple or bronze in the plumage of black varieties, any more than a short period of neglect in caring for them." I believe that purple barring and bronze in black varieties is bred into them, and the care has nothing to do with it.

The idea that there is a time in the life of a bird when he is at his best, or that there is a time after his moult when his feathers are ripe, is a true one, and holds good with every bird of every variety. The thing for the breeder to do, and the only way in

which he can control it, is to moult his birds at the proper time, before the show at which he is to exhibit. Of course, I am speaking now of old birds; young birds are not so easily managed.

Of course, a great deal depends on proper care, feed and general management, but I do not believe that such things as off-colored feathers can be controlled by it. A Partridge Cochins cockerel or cock that has white feathers in neck, tail, wings or feet, will always have them, and there is no method of feeding or care that will ever change them. You have got to pull such feathers out, tell your prospective purchaser they are there, or else kill the bird, and I prefer the latter.

The idea of painting such feathers is worse than pulling them out; also painting the legs of fowls. The Standard rightly considers such practices as absolutely dishonest.

Another practice that is questionable is, to pull the main tail feathers of a Cochins just before the show to make him look blocky. The Standard makes plucked hocks a disqualifi-

cation, but not plucked tails, and most Cochins breeders when buying a show bird are not much surprised to find a few weeks after a show that a specimen is developing a wonderful amount of tail, and he is much more apt to do so if his tail has been plucked; for, as I said before, the very fact of the feathers being plucked out of season, makes them coarse, stiff and uneven.

One more fake is the clipping off of side sprigs on combs, but as long as it is made a disqualification, it will be done, and can be done very easily and successfully. There is probably no variety in which such defects appear oftener than in the Cochins, especially those which have much English blood in them. The English seem to think more of size than we do, and not so highly of shape.

But whatever the rules are in regard to faking, there will always be some of it, and as the Editor says, it is only a question of how much of it we are going to allow, and just where we shall draw the line.

Dr. H. F. Ballard.

Chenoa, Ill.

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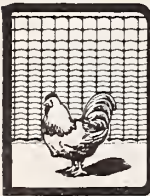
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Arkansas.

Bentonville, Dec. 7-10. W. A. Carney, Secy., Stoner, Judge.

Cabot, Nov. 26-27. C. B. Maxwell, Secy., Watkins, Judge.

Little Rock, Dec. 6-11. J. M. Foster, Secy., S. T. Campbell and Savage, Judges.

California.

Alameda, Nov. 22-27. A. E. Norton, Secy., Denny, Judge.

Oakland, Nov. 22-27. Wm. T. Frost, Secy., Berran, Judge.

San Diego, Jan. 11-15. W. C. McDougal, Secy., Coronado, Cal.

Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 13-18. H. H. Chase, Secy., Shaner, Judge.

Denver, Jan. 10-16. J. R. Wilson, Secy., care Denver Dry Goods Co.

Fort Morgan, Dec. 8-11. S. H. Rathbone, Secy., Southard, Judge.

Grand Junction, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. C. Burgess, Secy., Fite, Judge.

Connecticut.

Branford, Dec. 8-9. Paul P. Iris, Secy., Guilford, Conn.

Danbury, Dec. 8-11. Howard Mignerey, Secy., Card and Shaylor, Judges.

Meriden, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. W. H. Gough, Secy.

Middletown, Dec. 14-17. C. L. Fish, Secy.

West Haven, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. J. Reveley, Secy., East Haven, Conn.

Winsted, Dec. 8-11. L. C. Copewell, Secy.

District of Columbia.

Washington, Dec. 7-11. Calvin Hicks, Secy., Rockville, Mo.; Drevensdt and Jacquins, Judges.

Georgia.

Augusta, Nov. 8-13. W. A. Herman, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Idaho.

Twin Falls, Dec. 14-18. Mrs. B. F. McPherson, Secy., Filer, Ida.; Collier, Judge.

Illinois.

Aledo, Dec. 13-18. Harry R. Morgan, Secy., Dinwiddie, Judge.

Belvidere, Jan. 24-29. E. L. Robertson, Secy., Holden, Judge.

Bradford, Dec. 20-24. B. D. Phenix, Secy., McCord, Judge.

Brighton, Dec. 7-9. J. M. Clark, Secy., Ott, Judge.

Bushnell, Jan. 3-8. F. P. Nessel, Secy., McClaskey, Judge.

Camp Point, Jan. 24-27. E. T. Selby, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Canton, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Sid Stevens, Secy., Keeler, Judge.

Carthage, Dec. 7-11. C. A. Garard, Secy., Elliott, Judge.

Casey, Dec. 8-11. Scott Maynard, Secy., Shaw, Judge.

Danville, Jan. 10-16. F. J. Lovell, Secy., Burgott and Coburn, Judges.

Decatur, Jan. 17-22. Chas. W. Keyes, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Dixon, Dec. 27-31. G. O. Fuestman, Secy., Ott, Judge.

Downers Grove, Jan. 13-15. Geo. M. Kline, Secy., Russell, Judge.

Du Quoin, Nov. 22-26. E. T. Teaney, Secy.

Elgin, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. S. K. Preston, Secy., McClave and Faulkner, Judges.

Fairfield, Dec. 20-22. J. H. Robey, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Farino, Dec. 13-16. Oscar Wells, Secy., McClave, Judge.

Galesburg, Jan. 17-22. O. L. Judson, Secy., Falkner, Judge.

Geneseo, Jan. 3-8. Matthew O'Connell, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Greenfield, Nov. 15-20. Miss Carrie Allen, Secy., Pierce, Judge.

Havana, Jan. 26-Feb. 1. T. B. Drisko, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Kankakee, Jan. 10-15. E. P. Vining, Secy., Rte. 4; McClave, Judge.

Kewanee, Dec. 6-11. E. E. Johnson, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Litchfield, Dec. 15-18. E. Kirkpatrick, Secy., Pierce, Judge.

Mattoon, Dec. 13-18. A. F. Fuller, Secy., Lane, Judge.

Monmouth, Jan. 10-15. S. L. Hamilton, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Morris, Jan. 20-26. Mrs. Alta Martens, Secy., Minooka, Ill.; R. F. D. 3; Heimlich, Judge.

Newton, Dec. 14-17. E. T. Martin, Secy., Schocke, Judge.

Pana, Dec. 14-18. J. A. Bickerdike, Secy., Millerville, Ill.; Myers, Judge.

Peoria, Dec. 14-18. Frank E. Rue, Secy., Keeler Stanfield and Ewald, Judges.

Pittsfield, Dec. 14-18. Mrs. H. J. Westlake, Secy., Johnson, Judge.

Polo, Jan. 3-8. Frank Minian, Secy., Hale, Judge.

Princeton, Dec. 13-17. Walter Asche, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Quincy, Nov. 29-Dec. 4. F. T. Reynolds, Secy., Russell, Judge.

Rantoul, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. G. G. Douglas, Secy., Myers, Judge.

Rockford, Jan. 10-15. Chas. S. Gilbert, Secy., Heimlich & Russell, Judge.

Rushville, Dec. 15-18. Jno. C. Work, Secy., McCord, Judge.

Sheridan, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. T. Richardson, Secy., Greer, Judge.

Sullivan, Jan. 10-15. P. B. Harshman, Secy., Heyl, Judge.

Taylorville, Dec. 1-4. C. A. Moxley, Secy., Rapp, Judge.

Warsaw, Jan. 15-18. Chas. Paar, Secy., Shaw, Judge.

Indiana.

Albany, Dec. 21-25. H. Wilson, Secy., Long, Judge.

Bloomington, Jan. 11-15. W. J. Von Behren, Secy., McCracken, Judge.

Brothersville, Dec. 7-10. Elmer O'Briner, Secy., Austin Ind., R. R. No. 1; Bridges, Judge.

Danville, Jan. 24-30. D. Jones, Secy.

Evansville, Jan. 10-16. H. J. Reimer, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.

Frankfort, Jan. 18-22. Harry Bogan, Secy., McCord, Judge.

Galveston, Dec. 20-24. Harry Gray, Secy., R. 13; Johnston, Judge.

Goshen, Jan. 17-21. H. E. Krutz, Secy., Mulinix, Judge.

Huntington, Jan. 18-22. Harry I. Young, Secy., 751 Charles St.

Indianapolis, Feb. 2-8. C. R. Milhous, 25½ W. Wash St.; Pierce, Tucker, Kummer & Zike, Judges.

Kendallville, Jan. 4-8. Amos Fulk, Secy., 230 Sheridan St.; Tucker, Judge.

Kokomo, Dec. 27-31. C. O. Butler, Secy., Russiaville, Ind.; T. M. Campbell, Judge.

Lebanon, Dec. 13-18. Frank B. Wooley, Secy., Kummer, Judge.

Logansport, Jan. 18-22. Wm. Grace, Jr., Secy., Long, Judge.

Lowell, Jan. 17-22. Frank Malloy, Secy.

Michigan City, Jan. 3-8. A. L. Peterson, 409 Earl road; Stoner, Judge.

Monticello, Dec. 20-25. T. A. Roth, Cor. Secy., Howe, Judge.

Noblesville, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Ralph Poundebush, Secy.

Remington, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. H. A. Lambert, Secy., Pierce and Dippel, Judges.

Rensselaer, Jan. 11-15. B. L. Brenner, Secy., Pickett, Judge.

Rochester, Dec. 29-31. H. B. Thompson, Secy., Zike, Judge.

Shelbyville, Dec. 6-11. Frank R. Hale, Secy., McCracken, Judge.

South Bend, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Paul Heirmann, 1716 S. Michigan St.; Hewes, Judge.

Young America, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. A. D. Wood, Secy., Long, Judge.

Iowa.

Ames, Jan. 10-16. I. Kooser, Secy.

Anamosa, Dec. 27-Jan. 2. C. W. Metcalf, Secy., Shanklin, Judge.

Bedford, Jan. 11-14. J. W. Hopson, Secy., Shaner, Judge.

Belle Plaine, Dec. 13-18. E. M. Ewen, Secy.

Cedar Rapids, Jan. 17-22. S. Wiley, Secy.

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Donnellson, Dec. 20-23. Edw. Miller, Secy., Greer, Judge.
Dunlap, Dec. 17-21. E. R. Cadwell, Secy., Holden, Judge.
Estherville, Jan. 3-7. W. Walker, Secy.
Fort Dodge, Dec. 6-9. Mrs. S. Martineck, Secy., Ellison, Judge.
Iowa Falls, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. H. S. Dixon, Secy., Heimlich and Mills, Judges.
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Marion, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. W. Blair, Secy.
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Milton, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. F. N. Robinson, Secy.
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New Hampton, Jan. 25-29. J. C. Mueller, Secy., Shanklin, Judge.
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Story City, Dec. 10-15. G. H. Amlund, Secy., Hale, Judge.
Tipton, Dec. 7-10. R. M. Gregg, Secy.
Waterloo, Jan. 3-8. C. J. Schenck, Secy.
Webster City, Jan. 8-11. H. E. Ross, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
West Liberty, Jan. 4-7. W. H. Shipman, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
West Point, Jan. 11-14. Albert King, Secy.
Winfield, Dec. 7-10. Russell Canby, Secy., Dagle, Judge.

Kansas.

Atchison, Jan. 17-20. F. W. Mangeldorf, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Chanute, Dec. 20-25. J. W. Gray, Secy., Allerton, Judge.
Eureka, Nov. 22-23. Charles Osborn, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Garden City, Dec. 23-25. W. F. McCamon, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Leavenworth, Jan. 25-29. Fred T. Nys, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Marysville, Jan. 31-Feb. 2. A. B. Campbell, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Newton, Dec. 6-11. E. D. Martin, Secy., Shellabarger and Beck, Judges.
Oswego, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. C. M. Chapman, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Pittsburg, Dec. 14-18. P. J. Akins, Secy., Emery, Judge.
Salina, Dec. 26-Jan. 1. C. J. Page, Supt., Clipp, Judge.
Severy, Nov. 18-23. F. M. Gerwich, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Wichita, Jan. 10-15. Thos. Owen, Secy., Topeka, Kan. Sta. B.; Heck Ellison and Stoner, Judges.

Kentucky.

Lexington, Jan. 10-14. Frank L. Smith, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
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Morganfield, Jan. 5-8. Miss Bertha Threlkeld, Secy., Waverly, Ky.; Greer, Judge.

Louisiana.

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Maine.

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Massachusetts.

Boston, Jan. 10-15. W. B. Atherton, Secy., 30 Broad St.
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North Adams, Jan. 18-21. C. M. Ottman, Secy.
Springfield, Dec. 1-4. E. P. Tilton, Secy., Atherton, Bonfoey, Pierce and Weed, Judges.

Michigan.

Allegan, Jan. 5-8. H. H. Warner, Jr., Secy., Emmel, Judge.
Coldwater, Dec. 15-18. Chas. L. Keep, Secy., Guy and Heck, Judges.
Grand Ledge, Dec. 14-18. Jno. R. Patten, Secy., Wise, Judge.
Grand Rapids, Jan. 17-21. A. M. Nichols, Secy., 30 Caulkins Av.; Tucker, Judge.
Hastings, Jan. 3-8. Thos. E. Waters, Secy., Myers, Judge.
Holland, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Fred G. Kleyn, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Ithaca, Dec. 7-10. E. J. McCall, Secy., Otto and Wise, Judges.
Lansing, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. J. A. Turner, Secy., Tucker and Wise, Judges.
Mason, Dec. 7-11. M. Dickerson, Secy.
Reading, Dec. 1-4. Harry Adams, Secy.
South Haven, Dec. 14-18. Marshall H. Mackey, Secy., Coburn, Judge.
Three Rivers, Jan. 19-22. E. E. Gebhart, Secy.
Traverse City, Jan. 24-29. Chas. F. Hunter, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.

Minnesota.

Albert Lea, Jan. 5-10. F. A. Kappel, Secy., Heck, Judge.
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Clements, Dec. 16-18. Jno. J. Neudecker, Secy., Neudecker, Judge.
Crookston, Dec. 16-20. F. C. Mitchell, Secy., Whitney, Judge.
Madelia, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. A. Seymour, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Mankato, Jan. 7-13. Fred True, Secy., R. F. D. 8.
Owatonna, Jan. 7-14. A. J. Bosshard, Secy., Holden, Judge.
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St. Paul, Feb. 10-17. H. J. Goette, Secy., Tucker, Butterfield, Wilkins and Ziemer, Judges.

Mississippi.

Meriden, Dec. 13-18. Fred Roy Ziller, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Missouri.

Bellflower, Nov. 16-19. A. Hensley, Secy., Russell, Judge.
Braymer, Nov. 29-Dec. 2. R. F. Nickels, Secy., Branch, Judge.
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Columbia, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. J. E. Peeler, Secy., Branch, Judge.
Jackson, Jan. 3-7. Chas. Behrens, Secy.
Kansas City, Jan. 10-16. P. H. De Pree, Secy.
Kirksville, Dec. 2-4. C. B. McClanahan, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
La Monte, Nov. 22-24. Mrs. Jas. A. Staples, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Marshall, Nov. 25-26. W. S. Robison, Secy., Fayette, Mo., Branch, Judge.
Marysville, Dec. 16-17. J. H. Saylor, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Mexico, Nov. 18-19. L. E. McKee, Secy., Branch, Judge.
Palmira, Nov. 23-26. W. E. Rice, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Perryville, Dec. 14-17. R. B. Schindler, Secy., Thompson, Judge.

Mr. H. E. Rogers, La Crosse, Wis., writes that his winnings at the A. Y. P. Exposition at Seattle on his R. C. Brown Leghorns were 1st and 2nd cockerel, 2nd cock and 1st hen. This hen he informs us is the "Little Brown Hen" which was handled by so many judges last season and which received so much attention in the columns of Poultry Fancier.

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Montana.

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Nebraska.

Adams, Nov. 25-26. G. A. Garrison, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Ainsley, Dec. 21-23. T. Dwight Ford, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Fremont, Dec. 13-17. Chas. W. Mulloy, Secy., Shellabarger, Judge.
Hastings, Jan. 17-21. Luther P. Ludden, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Nebraska City, Dec. 20-23. T. F. Lawrence, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Omaha, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. F. C. Alquist, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.

New Hampshire.

Antrim, Dec. 23-30. F. Grimes, Secy.
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New Jersey.

Bridgeton, Nov. 24-27. Paul O. Springer, Secy., Bean, Stanton and Holmes, Judges.
Dover, Nov. 23-27. W. H. Bidgood, Secy., Stanton & Huyler, Judges.
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Rutherford, Jan. 13-15. R. H. Wilcox, Secy., Yelton and Stanton, Judges.

New York.

Batavia, Dec. 14-18. E. E. Peck, Secy., 21 Chestnut St.; Webb, Judge.
E. Pembroke, Jan. 19-22. E. E. Banks, Secy.
Elmira, Jan. 11-14. Harry Hayes, Secy.
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Question.—I am thinking of exhibiting Houdans in some of the shows this winter. Have read several articles on how to prepare solid white birds for the exhibition room, but have found nothing on the subject of the black and white breeds. Could the formula prescribed for the former, that of washing the bird with soap and lukewarm water, and rinsing in bluing water, be applied with equal advantage to the latter, or would there be danger of destroying the luster of the black feathers? In reference to the fifth toe; I have seen Houdans where the cleft between the fourth and fifth toes did not extend entirely to the shank and where there was a tendency of the two toes to "grow together" at the base. Is this a serious defect?

Answer.—Parti-colored and black fowls can be washed just the same as white ones, although there is generally not enough improvement made to justify the trouble. They should not be rinsed in blue water. There are methods of cleaning the surface plumage of birds other than white ones which produce just as good results as washing. The fifth toe on Houdans is a very important characteristic. The absence of it is a disqualification and where there is a tendency toward the fourth and fifth toes growing together, the defect should be cut from one to three points, according to the seriousness of the defect.

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Question.—Will you please answer the following questions in next issue? If the feathers of a Minorca cock's tail are broken and pulled out, in the spring will they grow in again before the regular moulting time?

Will it disqualify a bird if the upper portion of his beak is broken off about one-eighth inch, or will the judge cut for this defect?

About what price ought to be obtained for Minorcas scoring from 90 to 96?

If a bird is over Standard weight, how much is it cut in the show room?

If a Minorca shows white or partly white toe-nails, does this defect disqualify the bird?

Answer.—Plucked feathers will be replaced by new ones regardless of the season of the year when they are plucked.

A bird would not be disqualified for a broken beak if it was clearly evident that the break was caused by an accident. If the beak is naturally deformed, then the bird would be disqualified. Under ordinary circumstances a beak such as you describe should be cut from one-half to three-fourths of a point.

The price to be obtained for birds cannot be fixed by any definite rule. A breeder with a national reputation and an excellent show record can secure a higher price for his stock than can an amateur or unknown breeder, even though the quality is the same. Under ordinary conditions birds scoring as stated by you, ought to sell at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$25.

A Minorca which is over Standard weight is not cut on this account. This rule of the Standard applies only to varieties in the American class. The cut is two points for each pound over weight except that the bird is allowed an extra pound before being discounted.

White in the toe-nails of a Minorca would not disqualify, but the defect should be cut according to the extent of it.

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Question.—Is there any diet that will make hens lay during the moulting period?

Answer.—Trying to force heavy laying during moulting produces unsatisfactory results. During the moulting period the birds are in a somewhat weakened condition, and all their feed, strength and vitality go toward producing new plumage. Occasionally a bird will lay fairly

well while moulting, but no effort should be made to force them.

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Question.—What is meant by split or fish tail combs as referred to in the disqualifications adopted by the American Poultry Association for the new Standard?

Answer.—It is rather difficult to convey a clear idea of this defect without showing an illustration of it. Occasionally the rear part of the blade of a single comb will have the appearance of being double at the end. Such a comb is perhaps best described by the term split as the blade

of the comb at the end has a growth upon it which has the appearance of another blade having started to grow from the side of the original blade.

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Question.—What is the proper shade of buff as demanded by the Standard for buff fowls?

Answer.—It is impossible to describe in words just what this buff should be. The Standard calls for a rich golden buff, and that means a medium between a lemon buff and a light cinnamon buff.

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Question.—Is there any danger of fowls dying in the tub while being washed?

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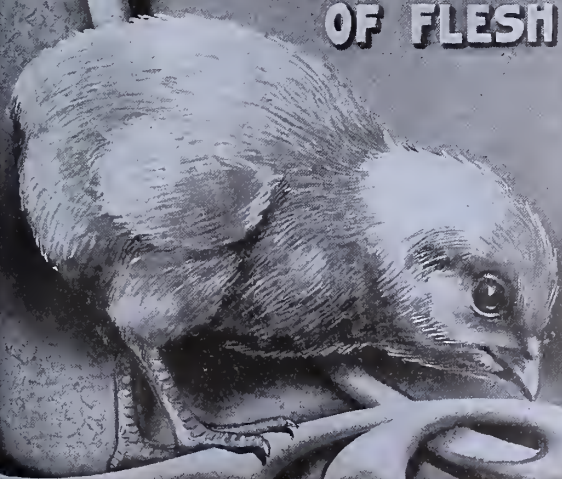
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Difference Between Line and Inbreeding

One is Disastrous and the Other is the Only Sure
Way to Success and Yet the Average Breeder
Cannot Distinguish Between the Two

By M. E. SERVOSS

WITHIN the past few months I have noticed in the various poultry papers statements that have caused me to think that the difference between line breeding and inbreeding is not well understood even by those who claim to be our instructors. One paper stated that they "are about the same thing" and another says "there was not much difference," etc., and none gave a clear idea of what that difference is, leaving the "inquirer" as much befogged as ever.

Yet I feel assured in saying that while inbreeding is always more or less doubtful in its results, yet no assured results can be reached without line-breeding.

Note the words "assured results." Good results may follow the crossing of entirely unrelated strains, but it is merely accidental; that is, bad results are just as likely to follow such a mating as are good results. Therefore good results are mere chance.

In line-breeding the breeder knows in a measure what to expect, and also avoids any possibility of weakening the constitution of his stock, but on the contrary is continually strengthening it in a marked degree, both by his selection and the constant and regular introduction of new blood.

It is true that line-breeding is in-breeding, to a certain extent, and has been called "judicious in-breeding," but right here lies the breeder's opportunity to anticipate results, because he knows what is back of his stock—on one side, at least. Line-breeding is easily explained as follows: You have a male, a cockerel, of your favorite breed that just suits you, you desire to breed more like him, or better if possible, so you breed him to the best

hens obtainable, and from this mating you select the male the nearest like his sire, the largest and strongest specimen that is fully his sire's equal, and of the same style, and use him to head your best pen the next year, mating him with hens not related to him, but of equal quality or one such at least and from this mating you again select the finest specimen. This bird will be line-bred, and by the next generation this type will be fixed and transmissible, though the longer line-breeding is followed the more fixed the type and the surer his "get" are to resemble their sire. Here we keep the same blood-line, yet continually introduce fresh blood, therefore you keep your birds strong in constitution and yet you know what results to expect.

Other hens can be raised that are more or less related to him. To raise pullets from, though, this in-breeding must be done with care in selecting the very best specimens only and never using a weak bird however fine a specimen it may be, but the males should be raised from unrelated hens, that is, the males for this especial line, and his good brothers can be sold to other breeders as line-bred males, so they by such purchases can save themselves several years' time. It is best to use several unrelated females each year because one or more might carry some hereditary taint or fault that would render her off-springs worthless or, at least, not up to the standard type you are breeding to. Therefore, while line-breeding is a mild form of in-breeding, yet in-breeding is not necessarily line-breeding in every way. Promiscuous in-breeding may bring good results, and may bring disastrous ones, but line-breeding, if the specimen follows the type of his ancestors, and no other should be used, must reproduce because his characteristics are fixed, while those of his mates are not, though this will be more surely the case if he is used as a cock mated to pullets, because disposition counts more than is usually figured on, and the dominant disposition of some sturdy, vigorous yearling hen might almost overrule—or at least equally balance—

the fixed type of a young cockerel—a difficulty which would never occur when pullets are mated with a yearling male. The younger the females, if of bold dominant disposition, and the milder the disposition of the older females the more the progeny favors the sire in color. It is an interest-

ing study and the poultry fanciers who are so fearful of the results of in-breeding not only lose many good results obtained by those who are not so fearful, but they also lose many interesting opportunities for study.

Edison, Ill.

Another of the Caustic Kind

A Prominent Western Writer and Breeder Handles the "Faking" Question Without Gloves. Many Readers Will Disagree With Some of His Conclusions. Our Columns Are Open for a Free Discussion

By M. W. BALDWIN



“FAKE or not to Fake”? That is the question; no, it isn't; the question is “what is a Fake”? answer—being caught at it—or in other words, Faking unskilfully. It sure looks like a joke reading the last issue of POULTRY FANCIER as concerns Faking; to the novice it must be bewildering; yet it shouldn't be, for every answer to the query as to the legitimacy of Faking, countenances the practice in some degree; the degree of allowance depending somewhat on the length of time one has been identified with the exhibition of fancy fowls; or depending on the faults peculiar to the breed exhibited. One draws a line as between a non-breeding and a breeding fault; remove the non-breeding fault and it is not faking, remove the breeding fault and it is. Where is the authority for breeding and non-breeding faults? Where is competent authority that shows conclusively that a black feather in Barred Rocks will not prove a breeding fault as readily as a red feather? Go to, brother. Faking is Faking or it isn't Faking! Removing one black feather is as bad as removing ten (but not as good should they happen to be there). Fake! there is no such word. Forget it.

I was in favor of cutting out all disqualifications in the new Standard for the simple reason that all could be faked by the clever exhibitor. What can be said to the exhibitor who has clearly removed a side sprig? The Standard allows the specimen the benefit of the doubt, and there must always be a doubt; and why shouldn't we use a high-class specimen just because it had a small excrescence on its comb? a perfectly healthy and normal excrescence, of course.

Grooming, cleaning and training; these are the great essentials in preparing fine stock for exhibition; but when it comes to handling poultry we must add Faking; I've never yet met a successful exhibitor of fancy poultry who didn't Fake.

Wonder what would have happened to De Graff had the Son of Man been present with the admonition “that he who was without guilt cast the first stone.”

I wouldn't countenance faking were it possible to meet all comers on common ground, but it isn't; exhibiting poultry has developed into a strenuous form of advertising in which every effort is bent to the one end—win—win honestly if you can—but win. A long time ago people used to breed fowls for the purpose of

raising fine specimens, they used to show them, and a winner was not for sale at any price; they bred and raised stock for the “sport of showing”; I don't doubt but that even in those days there was some faking, but woe betide the man caught, his name would stink for a generation; but the sport element is dead; commercialism is rampant; and the loser “loses business”; therefore, successful faking is meritorious.

Isn't it some form of fake when possibly half the birds exhibited are either bought for show purposes or raised from bought eggs—not that I would attempt to brand such condition as illegitimate, but in a sporting sense it's a fake—especially when the exhibitor gives, or attempts to give the impression that the stock exhibited is the result of his own breeding.

Faking is Faking, but it isn't unless you get caught at it; and if you find yourself with a specimen that is good enough to win by being faked, don't hesitate; fake and win, and don't be scared about using the winner as a breeder; so the argument resolves itself into the well-worn slogan of “Do or be Did.”

I've watched many a judge put in the major part of his time hunting black feathers in Barred Rocks, and have noted the sigh of satisfaction that followed the finding of one, proving to himself that it was time well spent, for it is an adage with some judges that no guilty black feather should escape. What a farce, for the judge certainly knows that practically every Barred Rock has been plucked, and when he hunts the black feather he is penalizing either honesty, carelessness or ignorance on the part of the exhibitor; certainly the judge has to penalize black feathers when found, for the Standard so instructs; but there's no need to be so conscientious in the hunt.

As for breeding a faked bird—it depends on several things; I'd much sooner use one of excellent quality otherwise that had a simple side sprig, than a specimen with poor eyes, but otherwise very good; and I wouldn't give 3c per pound for a brassy male regardless of how good he might be otherwise; an odd red feather isn't serious, but a few of them should consign that specimen to the stew kettle. I could tell a story or two as to how one feels after buying a faked bird and breeding it a season before discovering the fake. Must have been a chump to take a year to catch on! maybe, but if one goes over a Barred Rock carefully and clips the red feathers close to the skin it will take pretty close to a year before the other fellow catches on. Of course, as my ox has been gored, I feel that somebody ought to be lynched, for the result of such Faking shows up year after year and a lot of otherwise good birds have to go into the cull class. So let us keep on Faking—the innocent Fakes won't do any harm, the other kind will put us out of business.

Sioux City, Ia.

What to Do After the Show is Over

Fourth Article in the Series for Poultry Fancier, by Mr. Mishler, the Well Known and Successful Breeder of R. C. Black Minorcas. Some Timely Pointers of Great Value

By LLOYD C. MISHLER



AFTER the Show is Over." What next? You have cooped your fowls and started for home. How good one feels as he approaches his home town and sees familiar sights and hears well-known voices. The train stops at "Smithville" and you get off. Listen:

"There's Hank a gitten off the cars."

"Say, I'll bet he's jist commin' home from that chicken show. Hello, Hank, how'd you come out?"

Well, if "Hank" made some good winnings he does not hesitate to tell all about it. Of course, every one knew he had good chickens. But if for some reason or other he lost the majority of the prizes he may reply in one of these ways: He may not be able to say enough mean things about the judge and the association by using common dictionary words, or he may come out with the truth and state that his birds were not capable of wining in such strong competition. Better come out with the truth and resolve in your heart to produce better birds next season. Be honest with yourselves, exhibitors, and do not blame the judge for all your bad luck. He may make a mistake sometimes, but such cases are comparatively few. And he is just as liable to make a mistake in your favor as not. We have little confidence in the judgment of an exhibitor who "kicks" the judge away and then the next year "kicks" himself to get to show under the same judge.

You watch every train for the return of your fowls and say, what a relief it is to see them again under your own care. But the birds, themselves, are not past the danger point even now. Many a successful exhibitor has lost hundreds of dollars by not properly caring for his fowls when they were returned home. You do not know what disease germs they have come in contact with while at the show. Your fowls may appear to be in good health, but it is always advisable to keep them as far as possible away from other stock which was left at home for at least two weeks. With many poultrymen who have crowded quarters this is sometimes impossible, but do not fail to quarantine your show birds as much as possible for two weeks. If they will get any disease at all from this source it will make its appearance within this time. We have never been troubled very much with our show birds becoming sick. One of the most prominent diseases which makes its appearance at this time is that resulting from digestive disorders. In most cases this is brought about by improper feeding during the show. If they have not been over fed, nor allowed to eat grains which collect in the show coop and spoil, and have had vegetable food and a little charcoal, and good water you will do much to guard off this. The other disease so often found

in returned show birds, a few days after they have been home, is that resulting from colds. Remember that the show room was artificially heated and warmer than most poultry houses. Subject yourself to the same change and it is ten to one that you would have a severe cold in a few days. Truly a fowl which can withstand such treatment must be vigorous. If you neglect to watch the fowls closely you may go out some morning and find your first prize pullet standing in a corner of the coop, and feathers all ruffled up. You chase her around and find that the eye toward the wall is swelled shut. The thing for you to do is to get a small oiler and inject some pure kerosene oil into her nostrils and the roof of her mouth, and give her a two-grain dose of quinine. A good mixture for the injection is equal parts of kerosene and olive oil. Also get some of this on the swollen surface around the eye. Two treatments a day for a couple of days seldom fails to stop the cold and roup formation. The oil will, no doubt, blister the face somewhat, but the swelling will go down if it has not been let run. Apply vaseline for a few days to help heal this up, and inside of a week the bird will be as well as ever. We find it a good plan to take an oiler with us as we look over the fowls while they are on the roost, and if there is a least sign of a cold just apply a little kerosene to the nostrils and by the next night the fowl is usually in good shape. You may not find such a case for a week or two, but if you let it go on you may have your whole flock infected with roup before you know it.

It is unnatural for a fowl to be placed on exhibition and hence, I believe, injures its constitutional vigor to a certain extent. This is especially noticeable in fowls which are exhibited several times the same season. If possible never show a bird more than twice at the most in a season. If you must show them the second or third time it is necessary to keep them in the pink of condition and the plumage bright. A few sunflower seeds occasionally will help this.

After cockerels have been separated in the show room it is more than likely that they will create a lot of trouble if placed together again when returned home. Hence it is almost necessary to keep them separate thereafter. We occasionally have cock birds and cockerels of such disposition that they can be left together, but it is not a safe proposition during the spring months when they are full of energy and the weather not fit for them to be let out in the yards.

Therefore, "After the Show" be careful how you judge the judge, and look out for disease or injuries among your fowls.

North Manchester, Ind.

If fanciers would only get fixed in their minds the importance and value of quality rather than quantity, there would be much more pleasure and profit for them in the business.

A great many readers will think this a worn out bit of advice and many who most need to profit by it will resent it as applicable to their case.

Some Nuts for Double Maters to Crack

The Question of "Double Mating" vs. Single Mating" Will Not Remain in the Background. It Affects Breeders of Nearly All Parti-Colored Fowls and Is a Vital Question.

By HERBERT V. TORMOHLN

THE Brown Leghorn has been acknowledged one of the fowls that could command the attention of the for many years. They offer the deepest color studies that can be found most skilled and resourceful fancier among any of the popular varieties today. They are indeed the best combination of symmetry, utility and beautiful plumage that can be found among any of the feathered tribe. Especially has this been so since the Standard has made the color requirements of the male and female such a wide contrast. But with all this to the Brown Leghorn's credit, what was it that made it so universally popular the world over? We must acknowledge that it was the inherent egg-laying qualities and these alone which brought it into popular favor. From the early "eighties" to the present time, when talking of other varieties, the Leghorn has always been made the basis of the comparison and to this day when fanciers of other classes want to come to the climax in describing the virtues of their breed they say: "And they will lay as good as a Leghorn."

I am led to ask though what have we done for the breed other than to make it the Leghorn, beautiful? True, her egg-laying virtues have not deteriorated in the least. In the great egg-laying contests she has kept steadily in the advance. Is she as popular though as formerly? Turn to the advertising pages of any leading Journal and you can judge for yourself about where she ranks in the line. Ask the amateur or the prospective founder of a large egg farm. The invariable reply will be that: "It takes too much trouble, time and equipment to breed the Browns with the double mating system." This one statement contains the secret of why the fanciers are not doing a more thriving business today and why there are not more coops taken by this breed at our shows and larger crowds of enthusiastic admirers grouped about the exhibit. You will find more Brown Leghorns possibly on the farms the United States over than any other breed and in proportion fewer fanciers.

The Brown Leghorns, we find, on the American farm today are descendants from the time when the stock was "single mated," though and not from the bird which we choose to call well bred today—the double mated bird. The egg farmer is not buying stock from we fanciers to strengthen his line nor is he displaying the interest in the breed that he would should we single mate and thus make it possible for him to eventually own some "fine stock," for he knows it is impossible for him to get any high class birds from his flock should he even get the male and female winners at New York and turn them together among his flock.

One of the natural laws of breeding is that "like should beget like" or very nearly so. The amateur

argues then, why can I not get a few at least of high scoring birds from the male and female winners at some of our good shows. He cannot understand this double-mating system, even though he be an expert in the breeding of other live stock. The result is that the would-be Brown Leghorn breeder receives a severe jolt to his enthusiasm at about the first stage of the chicken fever before probably he has purchased either eggs or fowls, and if he has a pen of the latter he is considerably discouraged, and why shouldn't he be? When the prospective purchaser writes to a fancier for a price list and a description of his birds for sale he receives the same shock to his mental system when the breeder quotes him prices on female bred cockerels and pullet bred pullets and cockerel bred cockerels and cockerel bred pullets. What does the new-comer into the chicken business or the farmer know about such terms, and if he still has enough of the chicken fever left to write a second letter asking for an explanation of the terms a small hand book is almost necessary to set forth the reasons sufficient to make the why of the double mating system clear and then I am seriously at doubt if any of my fellow fanciers could give some good feasible reason from a practical standpoint. Should the fancier be one of the kind who does not care enough about the future welfare of his business to neglect to inform his customer about the pullet bred pullet and the pullet bred cockerel he sent him, or vice versa, he will sooner or later find it out at some show or through some kind fellow fancier and thereupon the new-comer in question calls the breeder from whom he purchased his birds a dishonest man and refuses to buy of him further.

Some breeders, in arguing in favor of the single-mating system, have said that breeders of fine cattle and horses produce good females and males from the same matings and then the advocates of the double system have cried out that should we have a single mating as cattle and horse breeders do we would soon have the country so flooded with the "best" birds that there would not be a market for the output; these same advocates forgetting that perfection has never been reached yet and that there can be but one best of a given kind. With a great number of fine specimens there would be a corresponding number of new fanciers to take up the breed, and like the proverbial statement, "The desert shall bloom like the rose," so should the Brown Leghorn be found in the foremost ranks in numbers at all the shows as well as in the barnyard.

I have had considerable hesitancy to write these things that strike us so close to home, fearing I might be dubbed a "knocker" and misunderstood, but I was nerved up to it since talking to the largest specialty White Rock breeder in the world as he styles himself quite recently when he made the remark to me that while we Brown Leghorn and Barred Rock breeders were convincing ourselves of the merit of the double-mating system they and the Rhode Island Red breeders were doing all the business and coining the money. I am not alone in my contentions, for in looking over my file of Poultry Journals I find several able articles by competent

writers. Among them and one which impresses itself upon me is the one entitled: "Driven out of Business," by I. K. Felch, and published in Poultry Fancier in October, 1908, and in which he very forcefully sums up the situation.

We breeders must sell eggs and fowls to people beside our fellow fanciers or it will be like bulldog eating bulldog. Doubtless we have all noticed that the poultry paper which hustles out into new fields and gets new subscribers is the one which is the best advertising medium. It is the new blood that

counts and as I said before unless we can get our share of the new blood, and it is plain we are not under the double-mating system, then we must content ourselves with an inferior place down at the bottom of the row of popular breeds. We need not be afraid we will ruin our business by making it an easier task to mate and breed our favorite. The White Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes, and Rhode Island Reds are striking examples of the fallacy of our contention.

Indianapolis, Ind.

What Mating Produced Your Best Birds?

Blood Will Tell. Pedigree vs. Feed. Importance of Knowing Breeding Qualities. Some Thoughts on Faking.

By DR. H. F. BALLARD

IN looking over our poultry journals we are apt to skip the small items; but some of these little "jokers" often contain texts for whole sermons. The editor says: "Do you know the parents of the best birds you raise?" That little question contains the secret of many an old-time breeder's success. The old Wm. Tell strain of Partridge Cochins, known for so many years to breeders of this variety, was started from a single pair of birds owned by Geo. Frink, of Bloomington, Ill. Wm. Tell, the sire of this strain was one of the finest and best marked cochins ever produced in Partridge Cochins, as Cleave, Foot and Felch, the old timers will remember. I would rather own a two, or three or four-year-old hen that has proved her qualities as a breeder than any first prize pullet who may have been "faked" in several points, and fit to produce a lot of culls. A prize-winner that will not produce chicks anywhere near as good as herself is good for nothing, except to show, and fool people with.

A bird that is fit for the show room in its natural condition; that is, one free from off-colored feathers, and from which none have been pulled, that is good in shape, and well pencilled clear down to the feet, is worth dollars where a bird that has to be doctored all over is worth cents.

A Partridge Cochin that is free from white has a good comb, a bay eye, well pencilled all over, if a female, and well pencilled in neck, hackle and cushion if a male, is worth more money to breed from, even if lacking in size, than a great big rough bird of poor color, no matter if the judges do say that "a cochin is no good unless it is big."

I believe the same principle will hold good in any variety. It is easier to increase size in your flocks than it is shape and color. You can take a flock of late hatched birds that are small, and inside of two years you can double their size, if their ancestors were large. But you try to get shape and color in a flock of birds away off in these particulars and it may take a dozen years; and you will probably never do it, unless you introduce some new blood from a flock that has the shape and color; in other words, you can get size by feed and

care; but you will never get shape and color, except by having some pretty good shape and color to start with.

I know there are a few breeders who can breed up a flock by mating to overcome defects; but it takes an expert to do it, and if you were where you could watch closely you would find that he was on the lookout for birds continually, that had the desirable points he was trying to produce, because he can get them much quicker in that way.

Right along this line is where the question of faking comes in to down all our hopes. Suppose I am trying to overcome white in the tails of Partridge Cochin cockerels: I go to a show and buy a prize bird after making strict inquiries about whether he has had any white feathers pulled from his tail, and buy him with the understanding there has not been. I take him home, and in the course of a few months I find the white feathers beginning to show in his tail: I write to the man who sold him to me, who denies that he pulled any feathers: I decide to give him a trial as a breeder, and all his male chicks have white in their tails: Now it would take more letters than appeared in the October number of the Fancier to convince me that, that was "legitimate faking." I would call it "deliberate lying." I have lost a good many sales by stating to my would-be customers that certain birds had white in them, and the price was made low on that account. Of two birds otherwise alike, but one with white in the tail, neck or wing, and the other free from it, I should consider one worth double the price of the other; and I should kill and eat the off-colored one rather than price him to a customer without stating the defect. Now I am no more honest than other people, but I see no difference in doing a thing of that kind than in pulling feathers to show: if one is honest the other is also. I sold a cockerel a year ago to an eastern party, who kicked because the bird was undersized. This man had specified about everything except size, and I sent him a fine bird, except that he was just within the disqualifying weight, for \$5. When I received his letter objecting to his size, I wrote him and told him if the bird had weighed eleven pounds instead of nine his price would have been twenty dollars instead of five. I heard no more from him. So many purchasers seem unable to see that a nearly absolutely perfect bird cannot be bought for \$5. A Partridge Cochin cock that weighs nine pounds, good in all sections, is worth more than \$5.

Chenoa, Ill.

More Views Upon the "Faking" Question

Other Leading Authorities Add Their Opinions to Those Which Appeared in Poultry Fancier Last Month. The Issues Involved are the Most Important That Confront Fanciers at the Present Time

W. C. Denny.

I DO not consider putting a bird in proper show condition by having him in perfect health, or using ordinary methods of washing and cleaning the plumage, the legs or head parts of the bird, faking. My definition would be that the removal of disqualifications or any practice or practices employed to conceal them to deceive the judge, also bleaching white birds, using coloring matter in the plumage, on the earlobes, or on the legs, the removal of side sprigs or plugging holes in the legs where stubs or feathers had been. All such, I would call faking.

Buffalo, N. Y.

D. J. Lambert.

I call it legitimate to enhance as much as possible all the natural good qualities of any bird, and faking when combs are trimmed, feathers are pulled, ear lobes are fixed or shanks colored, which would be disqualifications if left alone.

Apponang, R. I.

F. H. Shellabarger.

It has always been my understanding that legitimate preparation consists of placing birds in the show room in the very best condition as regards health and in the most attractive manner consistent with their natural growth and development. To wash, clean and endeavor to bring out the natural good qualities and to remove the unnatural is, in my opinion, not only legitimate, but to be commended. It has been my understanding covering a period of thirty years in connection with the breeding of standard-bred poultry, that to establish certain characteristics in any breed one must continually select the breeding stock conforming to the standard one wishes to obtain. To make this matter more easily understood, we will state that the aim of every person engaged in raising Standard poultry should be to produce birds just like the Standard demands. If one person can by his or her method of selection and mating succeed in producing specimens that when shown in their natural condition conform more closely to the Standard description than their competitors, they should be awarded the honor. Some will, perhaps, take exception to my using the statement natural, and try to claim that I oppose even the washing or grooming in any degree. I wish to make a statement right here with reference to nature. I do not think it the fault of nature that one person's birds are in good health, combs are red and indicate the very height of life, while another person's are pale and indicate anything but a healthy appearance. The former were given a good, free range and they kept themselves free from vermin; while the others were

raised and confined to filthy quarters and overrun with vermin. The plumage of the former shows clean and a fine luster, does not need to be washed; combs are developed under conditions that they do not require any fixing or oiling. Shanks are smooth and clean, in fact, washing or oiling not necessary. Nature did the job and the bird is in condition to show. While, on the other lot, we find the plumage is dead and shows no luster; is perhaps dirty, and in order to bring out what little there is of nature they must be put through the wash tub. The legs show scaly and must be rubbed and scrubbed in order to find out what nature intended they should be and after the grooming is finished the birds are not in it with those that did not need any fixing. These are the conditions. No person has a monopoly on nature. Our failures are always due to conditions. We want to breed Standard birds. We do not always get them to come inside of the specified requirements, and such as do not according to the same Standard we endeavor to attain, should always be discarded both for the show or breeding pen in justice to the Standard. The fraternity and the honor of the person who may claim to the contrary there is no such thing as legitimate faking. The very reason that some judges endeavor to justify faking is sufficient grounds for elimination from our Standard all disqualifications, except such as are actual deformities. The writer recommended such to the revision committee and is yet of the same opinion that just so long as we have disqualifications we will not only have faking but we will have weak-kneed judges. These very fakers do all they can to down the honest judge. The question is will the American Poultry Association be run by fakers or will they awake to the real situation and say to such when caught. Out you go. This is an age that requires men and women of the highest type of intellectuality and morality, even to the upbuilding and successful advancement of the American Poultry Association.

West Liberty, Ia.

J. Fred Crangle.

The question of faking has been in my mind for many years and I am very glad the point has been taken up even at this late day. I think it right and legitimate in preparing a bird for the show room to pluck all black or foreign feathers from Barred Rocks or from any breed, and to remove any down or small stubs from legs and toes, but not remove any large stubs that will leave a hole. In fact, any real stubs or at least what I would call stubs could not be pulled without leaving a hole, and if a judge should find a bird from which, in his opinion, stubs have been plucked and the hole is there he should turn the bird down. Why is the above not proper and just as legitimate as in the horse show. You can trim a horse, cut his mane and pluck his mane and tail and do other things to prepare him for the show ring.

Faking that should not be allowed is the using of paint to color feathers, splicing feathers or using a comb from other birds. I knew a breeder who is now dead who was an artist at this game. He would

color feathers, also take a perfect comb from a very inferior bird and place it on a bird that was ideal except in comb. I do not think it is right to use any coloring matter on the legs. It is very misleading to a judge and more to the general public who are in the market to buy, or who go to a first-class show and find birds with very yellow legs upon which the color was put on.

A word more about plucking foreign colored feathers. It is a poor law to say that we cannot pluck a foreign feather, because it can be done at home and no one can tell by the bird if feathers have been plucked and we all would not be so short sighted as to leave any foreign feathers on a bird if we were aware of any being there.

I can see where a law could be put in force by the A. P. A. on the question of faking and be of great help to all the breeders who wished to be on the square.

I think that what has been a very great drawback to young breeders and breeders who have not the money to spend to put up a string of show birds, is the borrowing of birds. This, I am told, has been done on a large scale and it is not right and has been very misleading to the general public. It should be stopped if possible.

Simsbury, Conn.

F. J. Marshall.

This is a subject upon which I have been loth to express myself, but can say in a few words what comes to the surface in my mind in regard to all this talk about faking. There is no one more than I who has been in the business as long as I have, both as an exhibitor and a judge, who would like to see an entirely clean sheet in the matter of show preparation, entirely free from even the appearance of faking. But where are you going to draw the line? In other words, where is the line drawn today, taking ninety per cent of the representative breeders as exhibitors, many of them judges themselves. Ask them how they looked at the matter of show preparation when they first entered the show arena? They will practically all tell you the same story, which is, that they made up their minds at that time to exhibit their stock strictly upon its merits, and entirely without preparation, except perhaps the washing of the mud from their feet and shanks. They did not believe in pulling off-colored feathers at all, would not think of such a thing. After one year's experience in the show room, they decided to pluck a few dead feathers which had not moulted out. Another they listened to some of the veterans tell about getting rid of all the black feathers in Barred Rocks. They were somewhat surprised, but when they became convinced that it was absolutely essential to success, they reluctantly took to the practice. Removing any red or yellow feathers from their Javas' necks. Finding an otherwise surprising specimen in quality, with one little insignificant sprig of a feather between the toes they promptly remove it and the specimen goes to the show room to win. Things which at first gave our friend a twinge of conscience to do is now done without a tremor. In the course of two or three years this exhibitor can prepare his stock for exhibition as successfully as any of the veterans.

The question comes up like this: is it right to try to make the new and ignorant exhibitor believe

that he should not attempt any of this preparation? That is faking. It is morally wrong and keeps him in such ignorance as long as you can that you may be able to win over him by your sharp and experienced practices. One of two courses should be adopted, either the whole practice of preparation should be abolished further than the simple washing and cleaning of the specimen, and the matter rigidly enforced at all shows at all times (a thing hard to do), or else the practice of modern methods of show preparation including the pulling of off-colored feathers, and the removing of stubs from the shanks, the use of bleach on the plumage, and butter color on the legs, and like accessories should be recommended openly and above board, so that the man or boy new in the business would stand on an equal footing with the veteran as near as possible. They should be adopted by and included in the show rules of the American Poultry Association. A line should be drawn and on the other side should be specified. The objectionable preparation, considered faking, such perhaps, as splicing or coloring of feathers, putting a pin in a comb to make it stand, coloring of ear lobes, etc., etc.

I should like to see the former obtain, but can see how much easier the latter could be worked. Justice should at least be done. In other words let the admission fee be the same to all.

Atlanta, Ga.

Geo. D. Holden.

"Faking," in the main, is the removal, or concealment by artificial means of disqualifying features that are serious obstacles in the way of progress, in the breeding of "high-class exhibition quality" in Standard-bred fowls; and in this connection would mention the removal of stubs and feathers from shanks and toes, side sprigs from single combs, and artificial coloring of any kind or nature whatsoever.

Faking, in fact, is a "course of preparation" that artificially fits a bird for exhibition that otherwise would be excluded because of disqualifying defects; while legitimate preparation can only apply to those birds that are free from disqualifications, and is the doing of those things that bring out the real quality of a bird in its most attractive form.

As an illustration, take a hen of some of our buff varieties, one that is of beautiful color, but that in the process of moult a number of old feathers that are faded are scattered along through the plumage of back, in fact, have not moulted; now the removal of those feathers would, to my mind, be legitimate, and serve to bring out the real quality of the plumage; it would be doing what "Dame Nature" would have done under more favorable conditions during the time of moult. This same principle would prevail in the removal of feathers which, by reason of faded condition or unfavorable physical condition during growth, are not of the quality of the plumage in general and detract from its best appearance. The removal of a few black feathers from a Barred Rock would not be a "serious offense," as all breeders of this variety know that the very best specimens have them, and no breeder would hesitate to use a bird in the breeding yard because of such feathers.

Faking is the attempt to deceive, by removal or concealment of those defects that should exclude a
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All Have An Equal Chance

Failures in poultry raising are causes for special regret upon the part of those who have the welfare of the industry at heart, because failure is nearly always the result of poor judgment, half hearted effort or an unwillingness to profit by the experience of others. The poultry breeder should ask himself what it is that attracts him to the work. If he is keeping the fowls solely as a recreation and for the pleasure he gets in caring for them and improving them, then he should investigate and learn just what is required in his birds as regards shape, color, etc., which are the points that make a bird either a high grade show specimen or a cull. He should not be satisfied to raise birds of inferior quality. The fact that his flock is composed entirely of medium grade stock is evidence of one of two things. He either has not the ability to breed good birds or he is breeding them in a slipshod, haphazard way without making any effort to produce something worth while. There is no excuse for either condition. There is no pleasure or profit in raising culls. Any one can breed good stock if he will learn what good stock is and then make an earnest effort to produce it. The degree of success attained will be gauged entirely by the enthusiasm and well directed effort one puts into the work. There is not a promi-

nent successful breeder in the field whose success cannot be duplicated by someone else if the same judgment and methods are used. Many breeders succeed in producing the very highest quality of stock and are held back from financial success because of prejudice and timidity. They fail to take advantage of their opportunities in the way of showing their birds at one or more big shows and then advertising the matter so that would-be customers can find them and purchase their stock and eggs. We see hundreds of birds each season that are fit to win at America's largest shows and they never get beyond some fancier's back yard or possibly a local county show. These breeders then wonder why they do not succeed financially and many of them become disgusted and drop out entirely.

"Faking" Question Grows in Interest

Some of the poultry journals are holding aloof from an open discussion of the faking question, but it is only a matter of time when the proposition will have to be given full consideration in all its phases by all interested parties, including the American Poultry Association.

The letters from some of America's foremost judges and breeders, which have been published in Poultry Fancier, some of which appear this month, prove conclusively that there is great necessity for laws or rules of general custom which will place all breeders upon an equal footing. The opinions thus far expressed are shared by thousands of breeders and there is the same difference of opinion among the rank and file as is disclosed in these published letters. In settling any troublesome question there is nothing so effective as an open and free discussion which will disclose the honest views of all parties. This feature of the present case has thrown new light upon the "faking" question and the point brought out is that the term "faking" is too strong to apply to many of the practices which are now commonly included under that head. A milder term should be used. The reader will note by referring to the letters which have appeared in our columns that some of the most respected men in the fraternity whose integrity cannot be questioned and whose knowledge and ability as breeders cannot be denied have boldly advocated some of the practices which most people have looked upon as plain faking. When men of this character, honest in their convictions and with a thorough knowledge of the subject, express themselves in favor of certain methods, it is extremely doubtful if there is any justice, reason or consistency in classing them with rogues and dishonest fakers. We rather believe that the question is one which should be earnestly viewed from all points and a new basis of show room ethics established. It is plainly evident that some of the items which are now con-

sidered as faking, should be taken out of that class and it should be understood that they may be practiced without one's honor being questioned.

What a Show-Room Record Will Do for You

It should not be necessary to call attention to the value of a show room record to all breeders who are trying to build up a lucrative business. To them it has a money value which they cannot afford to overlook. In fact it is the foundation and the starting point of all successful careers. No considerable quantity of stock and eggs can be sold at even the lowest scale of prices unless one has some sort of a show record. A profitable business and fair prices are simply out of the question without it.

The buying public is not spending its money without considering what the chances are for getting value received. You can not expect people to send their money to you in preference to your competitor if he has a record and you have none, or if he has one that is so very much better than yours. The buyer wants the best he can get and he naturally goes on the assumption that the breeder with the best bird wins and the one which in his opinion has the best show record, other things being equal, has the best stock and gets his order. The thing to do, therefore, is to fix up some of the best birds in your yards and send them to the best show you can. If the expense of sending them to one of the large national shows is too great, try smaller shows close home and gradually work into the larger shows.

The smaller shows are very good in their way and we could not do without them, but when it comes to figuring the value of a show record to the breeder, the prizes won at the larger shows are many times more valuable and add infinitely more to the reputation of the exhibitor, for the very good reason that the competition at them is much stronger and one comes in contact with more birds and they are of higher quality. Many a good breeder with more than ordinary ability in producing high grade stock has failed to reach a place at the top because he had a streak of yellow in him and was afraid to meet competition for fear he would lose. No one breeder can continually win all the best prizes, no matter how good his stock is. Any one with stock above the average in quality can not fail to win somewhere at sometime if he will but make the effort.

Aside from the money value of exhibiting stock, you should not overlook the importance of the show room as an educator. Put your birds alongside of the other fellow's and see what the opinion of the judge is concerning them. In this way you have an opportunity to learn where your birds are defective and where they possess merit.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

What, oh what, will Charley Latham say when he reads the article in Poultry by Professor Spillman?

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And the wizard of Grove Hill, A. C. S., by initials, ought to unsphinx himself, too.

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To fake or not to fake that is the question—with all but the wiseheimers. They fake anyway!

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There are some of them who'll keep after De Graff the rest of their lives and during second childhood. Cut it, boys.

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THE LITTLE BALLAD.

A Prune is a Raisin with the Mumps.
Your Uncle John is sorely vext;
Not because he's lost his text,
Not just because Prince T. Woods
Claims to have caught him with the
goods—
But because F. P. now once a month
Has paled his editorial bunt.
To say in half the space,
What once took twice, is quite a race.
So fluent had his pen become,
With two monthly trips into our
homes,
That it's now a job to cut down rot
And still serve it sizzling hot.

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SHAKESPEARE AND THE POULTRY SHOW.
The Fancy.

"So full of shapes is Fancy."
Twelfth Night; Act 1, Sc. 1.
The Show.

"Hark, Hark! I hear
The strain of strutting chanticleer
Cry, 'Cock-a-doodle-doo!'"
Tempest; Act I, Sc. 2.
The Contest.

"Who loses and who wins; who's
in and who's out?"
King Lear; Act V, Sc. 3.
The Judge.

"It doth appear you are a worthy
judge."
Merchant of Venice; Act IV, Sc. 1.
The Winner.

"He hath ribands of all the colours
i' the rainbow."

Winter's Tale; Act IV, Sc. 3.
The Grouty Loser.

"I lose indeed; beshrew the win-
ners."

2d Henry VI; Act I, Sc. 2.
The Cheerful Loser.

"We lose it not, so long as we can
smile."

Othello; Act I, Sc. 3.
The Faker.

"What a fool Honesty is! and
Trust, his sworn brother, a very sim-
ple gentleman!"

Winter's Tale; Act IV, Sc. 3.

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THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES.

Delano, the Great.

The subject of our sketch has al-
ways been a chicken man. He is
proud of it. Years ago he conceived
the idea of trying to originate a tree
from which the fruit would be noth-

ing but winners, of varieties that he
is interested in. The boys who are
showing against him and his firm
every year say that he made the tree
but has never divulged the location
of it.

A lot of us would like to find it.

From the earliest things chicken
down to the present date this man
Delano has been with the fancy.
Name a time when he was not in
the fancy and I will mail you a
Wheeling stogie. And yet he is
young—strange as such a paradox
may seem.

To hark back to the World's Fair
at St. Louis where he did some judg-
ing we may say that there were a lot
of the boys from the west who had
birds in his classes and who thought
that there would turn up a fellow
with about eight to ten inches of the
potash grown timothy on his chin, to
judge them.

But life is not always what it
seems!

There came among the birds a man
named Delano but with fat, round
face, free from the lines of care,
though he has been full of care all
his days, swinging himself along like
a god.

Surprised?

Well, some!

What does he know about chick-
ens, anyway?

He came; he saw the muts; he
judged them and did it right.

His devil-may-care manner caught
on with the Bunch. They liked him,
and he liked them and he came out
west again and again and rumor hath
it that he will show up amongst us
again this winter with a string of
"hot babies," no, I mean birds.

Down Boston way they cannot hold
a show that looks like an imitation of
a poultry department at a county
pumpkin show but what he blows in,
looks about, blows out, and where?
No one knoweth, he cometh and go-
eth so softly. But let there be a chick-
en that is what the horsemen call
outstanding, one that outclasses the
rest of the line, and then Del stavs
over, sticks about a bit, till he gets
the pedigree of the bird, and tries to
get a few buds to graft on his own
tree.

They tell me his folks are all nice
people. It's a shame to spoil a good
man by letting him get into the fan-
cy. Honest, it is. But birds of a
feather—

During the winter you will find
Del with the hens. During the sum-
mer he's autoing. During the fall
he's watching the plums get ripe on
that tree. Pretty quiet about it, too.
A hen show without Delano? No,
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"THE QUALITY SHOW OF THE WEST"

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bird from both the exhibiton room and the breeding yard; and legitimate preparation for the show room is that "dressing up" of a specimen that does not deceive" as to its real quality, but simply brings it out in its most attractive form.

Owatonna, Minn.

W. C. Ellison.

If a Barred Rock breeder plucks the black feathers that are bound to appear in the body or neck plumage or the feathers that show small gray flecks in the fowls of white plumage, we term this as placing the specimen in show shape or a part of the conditioning they should have in order to place them at their best. We would not hesitate to remove 'down' that would appear between the toes, but would consider it faking if a stub or feather were pulled from the shank. The removal or altering of anything that comes under the head of disqualifications is certainly faking.

If the only harm done was the injustice in the show room it would not be nearly so bad, but for one to remove a side sprig or splice a feather and then sell the bird thus tampered with, it is an injustice that is not much short of dishonesty. Any of us produce culls without mating for them; what would we expect if we faked and mated such birds?

Faking usually is very easily detected and we do not hesitate to throw such specimens out. The practice of showing small hens for pullets of large pullets for hens is certainly faking. Within the past three months we handled two Black Langshan cockerels that were exhibited as a pair and two drakes for a pair. We cannot brand the exhibitor as a faker, but of course threw the specimens out.

The argument is advanced, that if we would eliminate the disqualifications from the Standard, faking would stop. This is all theory and will not

hold good. It is not a disqualification for a Barred Rock hen to have a black feather in her back, yet how many breeders are there who have not "thumb and finger" moulted these feathers?

We protested against eliminating the disqualifications from the Standard, for we are confident that it would work an injury of untold limitations.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Geo. W. Hackett.

As regards "Show Room Morals" there is no question that they are "badly shaken," as the editor says. The Standard of Perfection clearly defines what "faking" is, and there is probably not a poultry show held in this country but what the show rules proclaim the "American Standard of Perfection" as the absolute law that will govern the exhibition and the awarding of the prizes. Whether these questionable practices are, in themselves, faking or not, may depend somewhat upon the individual's conscience. They are certainly deceiving, and when the "show rules" are applied they surely become "faking."

This discussion satisfies me more fully than before, that the Standard contains too many "disqualifications." Birds are disqualified in the show room for some trifling defect that in the hands of the faker would win in the same show, and the best of breeders would not hesitate to use the bird in their breeding pen. This is clearly wrong, and while the honest "novice" will never have an equal chance of winning in competition with the professional, let us not discourage him by throwing out his birds altogether. We have plenty of breeders and exhibitors who had rather meet defeat than fake a bird, but they don't like to be beaten by one that has been "fixed."

The American Poultry Association should give special attention to this faking proposition, in their new Standard and follow rigidly the precedent established at its last meeting. In judging, I shall continue to deal

with disqualifications and faking in accordance with the rules laid down in the present Standard.

North Freedom, Wis.

Elbert Wakeman.

It may be of interest to you to know, in considering the faker's confessions, that I lately bought a premium-taking buff bird from one of those confessing removal of feathers; and since his arrival here three black, or rather mostly black, feathers have grown out. A bird to my mind should be thrown out of exhibition, and his owner too, if any feathers are removed or colored, or if he is different in any way from the way in which he naturally grew. The bird should be clean and well fed and in a healthy condition. Feather plucking is dishonorable. Have a Standard made that can be conformed to by nature and not only by faking, and the temptation is lessened. I have supplied over 50 birds for exhibition in a season and not one of the birds was unnaturally made attractive.

Millneck, L. I., N. Y.

C. A. Durkee.

As the invitation is open to all to join in the "faking" discussion, we would like to suggest that if the laws of the American Poultry Association are correct, they should be uniformly enforced by every judge or his license revoked; if incorrect, they should be enforced just the same, which will result in proper revision. Combination of law violations or law evasions breeds lawlessness in the poultry fraternity as well as the nation.

Justice will be dealt to all if the Standard rules are rigidly enforced and uniformly interpreted at all shows by all judges, and it is our belief that anything tending to lower the standard of honesty among poultry breeders also lowers the quality of the birds produced. When by faking or

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"legitimate" faking a bird of inferior quality is "prepared" and permitted to win over a bird not so faked, but of really superior quality, the breed is retarded instead of advanced.

An illustration: We have some chickens hatched from eggs purchased of a reputable judge, stated to have been laid by prize winners at Chicago and other shows, with a prize winning sire of equal note at the head of the pen. The scrubs produced indicate to me that the parent stock won because of faking, as their descendants are inferior in quality to many birds from pens of far less prize winning record.

I trust that this discussion will result in uniform interpretation and enforcement of the Standard laws by all judges at all shows, also higher ideals of honesty in mating and preparing birds for exhibition.

Downers Grove, Ill.

C. Augustus Raschke.

With much interest have I read the answers which have been published concerning faking, and especially those by veteran fanciers and judges, and if we should take it for granted, as some of them say, that it resolves itself into a question of conscience, then I think that in the portrayal of our opinions may be discerned a faint outline of our moral character, because I emphatically believe that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.

The definition of "faking" in the Standard of Perfection gives rise to the idea that some faking can be practiced and some are led to think that custom decrees that you can fake a little, and I believe the word

"self-evident" should not appear in the definition of "faking," as it does now in the Standard, because I believe it puts in jeopardy the honest intents of the authors.

Mr. A. V. Meersch's opinion I commend most heartily, because to my mind a lie is a lie, and winning by unfair methods is a game practiced by gamblers and not gentlemen. I believe in washing fowls, polishing legs and beak, and grooming to remove dirt, but not in removing defects and disqualifications; and while some of the sages may think it is all folly to show birds in their natural condition, I for one would hail with joy that day when every bird entered in a show for competition shall be accompanied by an affidavit, and I express myself willing to comply with such measures, drastic as they may seem.

Time and again these writers reiterate that like begets like, but that black feathers should be plucked from Barred Rocks because "black" blood is in their ancestry, but black or gray feathers should not be pulled from white fowls. And pray tell where did the white fowls come from? Did they drop out of the clouds?

Two wrongs never make a right, and if like begets like, then the endeavor for perfection is not conducted by the breeding of faked specimens, which some of our old-time poultrymen consider legitimate; and while I may be considered fanatical, I firmly believe in a policy of honesty and an abstinence from even the appearance of this evil practice.

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H. Kerl, Lenexa, Kan.

Partridge Wyandottes.
M. N. Cecil, Elm Grove, W. Va.

Orpingtons.
Frank McMullen, Marietta, Pa.

Annie McKee, Edgar, Neb.
Rhode Island Reds.

Red & White Poultry Farm, Coits Neck, N. Y.

Mrs. S. H. West, Farina, Ill.
W. C. Bradshaw, Ogden, Ia.

E. O. Uhlig, Holdrege, Neb.
Light Brahmats.

J. E. Coen, Box 110, Wingate, Ind.
Burt Curtis, Allison, Ia.

W. W. Cook, University Heights, Madison, Wis.

Black Langshans.
Frank McMullen, Marietta, Pa.

White Langshans.
T. J. Usselman, St. Libory, Ill.

S. C. White Leghorns.
Fred Prue, Prop., Box 315, Berwick, Me.

E. G. Judy, Potomac, Ill.
R. C. White Leghorns.

Dr. Dombart, Evans City, Pa.
Mrs. W. Jones Williams, Maywood, Ill.

S. C. Brown Leghorns.
R. C. Sechler, 526 Washington, Allentown, Pa.

H. W. Moyer, R. 2, Bechtelsville, Pa.
Black Leghorns.

S. Matthew Breed, Cincinnati, N. Y.
Anconas.

Dr. Guy Blencoe, Alma Center, Wis.
Black Minorcas.

Geo. Webster, R. 2, Columbia, Tenn.
Heidemann & Co., Brighton, Ill.

J. M. Glass, Sta. A, Cincinnati, O.
D. C. Nuggett, Grand Lodge, Mich.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs.
Denton Wareheim, Lineboro, Md.

Faverolles.
C. P. McAndrew, Ellsworth, Wis.

Cornish.
Mrs. S. A. Hawk, R. 3, Chariton, Ia.

Turkeys.
Wm. Ringhouse, R. 2, Box Y, Havana, Ill.

Mrs. J. W. Warren, Paris, Mo.
Ducks and Geese.

Edw. J. Hess, R. 14, Caledonia, Wis.
Gus A. Lengfelder, R. 5, Box 36, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Mrs. Noah Waddell, R. 3, Brashear, Mo.
G. W. Maglott, Belleville, O.

Fred A. Woodmansee, Galesburg, Ill.

NEWS OF

POULTRY SHOWS & SPECIALTY CLUBS

Notices sent to us by secretaries will be published in this department without charge

EVERYBODY TO ST. LOUIS.

Let that be the slogan of every breeder of pure bred poultry East, West, North and South. We have received inquiries for premium lists from New York to California, from Canada to Mexico. We have had to secure more judges. No poultry show was ever held in a building which would surpass the Coliseum in St. Louis for size, beauty, light and convenience. The wagon entrance to the Coliseum will permit 50 wagons to drive in at one time, insuring the unloading of all exhibits under cover, and prompt and careful handling. We pay the biggest premiums on the least entry fee of any show in America. We pay every premium and deliver every ribbon before the show is three days old. St. Louis offers as good hotel, express and railroad facilities as any city in this country. The show will be cooped with Spratts' patent uniform exhibition coops. This show is in time to give you the benefit of early advertising and enable you to dispose of your surplus stock. Besides the regular premiums, seven silver cups and cash specials are offered on Buff Rocks. Other varieties share equally as well and some even better. \$100 in cash is offered on turkeys in addition to the regular prizes. If you are wise you will begin now to get your birds in shape and show them at the Great Missouri State Show at St. Louis, December 6-11, 1909. Entries close November 25. Send for a premium list. T. E. Quisenberry, secretary, Columbia, Mo.

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McKEESPORT, PA.

The McKeesport Poultry Association will hold their third annual show December 27, 1909, to January 1, 1910. Judges Felch, Johnston and Ewald assure every one a square deal.

The indications are for a larger show than the last, which was one of the best and the talk of the poultry world at large. McKeesport has a population of over 60,000. The Chamber of Commerce and the merchants are contributing silver cups as freely as before, when we had 53. This year we intend to give silver cups for first and second displays. The premiums are \$400 for first, \$200 for second breeding pens, \$200 for first and \$100 for second in the single class. For further information and premium list write the secretary, W. N. Soles, 211½ Fifth Ave., McKeesport, Pa.

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TO BUFF WYANDOTTE BREEDERS.

Be sure to show some birds at Madison Square Garden this winter. There is a challenge cup put up by the Buff Wyandotte club for the best Buff Wyandotte in the show, and the committee has got together a nice list of specials, and every ribbon will carry some cash with it. There are also specials for the best displays by exhibitors who have never exhibited at the Garden before, and also for best displays by exhibitors who have never won a first at the Garden. Send to H. V. Crawford, secretary, Montclair, N. J., for premium list. Mr. Edgar offers \$2.00 on best pullet, not listed in premium list. Let us see you and your birds at the Garden.

J. E. Willmarth,
C. F. Smithers,
Committee.

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BELLE PLAINE, IOWA.

The Progressive Poultry Breeders' and Fanciers' Association, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, will hold their second annual poultry show at that place on December 13-18, 1909.

The first show held on February 2-6 of the same year was a decided success in every way. In spite of the difficulties that a new organization always has in promoting anything of that sort, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather which at that time was very stormy and cold, also the lateness of the show season, being on the verge of the mating season when the breeders should have the birds mated for the season's new stock. In spite of all these difficulties there were over 250 birds entered, including 20 pens. The prizes offered at this show amounted to about \$300 and all prizes were paid in full. The exhibitors who showed with us at the last show were all well pleased both with the work of the judge, W. C. Ellison, who was with us at that time, and with the way their birds were taken care of and handled, as their testimonials, which will be found

in our premium list for this year, will show. The show, as in every other respect, was a financial success, and left us on a good footing for our second show.

We have every reason to expect that our show this winter will be one of the best in the state and will compare favorably with the larger shows. We expect to have at the very least, double or triple the number of birds that we had last year, and are prepared to take the best possible care of them in every way, and all birds will be given the attention and treatment that they would if they were our own stock. The show room will be kept clean and disinfected at all times, the light will be good, and the heating will be kept uniform, and all that will be necessary to keep the birds in a good health condition. The birds will all be handled under the supervision of the Superintendent from the time they arrive at the express office at this place until they are returned to them. They will be fed and watered regularly and will be given all that they will need to keep them in the best possible condition. The coops will always be kept clean and fresh, and new bedding will be provided whenever it is needed.

When we tell you that we will have Judge G. D. Holden with us this year to judge the show that is all that is necessary to convince you that there will be favoritism shown to no one, and that the birds will be judged upon their own merits, and that they will get all that is coming to them, and no more. A score card from Judge Holden is a card that will be recognized in any part of the country, and a bird with a good score over the signature of this judge is one

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We will be pleased to send to any one wishing them, one of our premium lists if you will send your request for it.

E. M. Ewen, Sec'y.

Belle Plaine, Iowa.

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ADRIAN, MICH.

The above club will hold their annual show December 7-13 at Adrian, Mich., with Judges O. P. Greer, of Bourbon, Ind., and J. W. Mulinix, of Toledo, O., to place the ribbons.

This club was the first club in Michigan to join the American Poultry Association and strives to be first in everything that goes to make up the true fanciers' show.

The prizes offered are still better and

more valuable than heretofore and with the above judges and the present officers it is unnecessary to state that the best bird will win and not the man.

A new and striking design in ribbons will be used, something that you will like to point out to your friends.

Large premium list is now ready. J. E. Holyoke, secretary, Adrian, Mich.

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THE AMERICAN COLUMBIAN PLYMOUTH ROCK CLUB.

The American Columbian Plymouth Rock Club again offers at the leading shows its handsome club ribbons for competition by members only. If you are not already a member of the club, better join at once and compete for these ribbons. The secretary of the club, personally, offers additional ribbons for competition by members showing at New York and at Paterson, N. J. Other specials will be found in the various premium lists. Notice of annual meeting of the club will appear later. E. B. Andrews, secretary, 9 W. 17th St., New York City.

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DEARBORN, MICH.

The Dearborn Poultry Fanciers' Association of Dearborn, Mich., will hold their fourth annual show December 1-5, inclusive. James A. Tucker, judge. Dearborn has one of the finest show halls of its size in the country and will be equipped with uniform cooping. Nothing will be spared to make this show one of the coming events of the season.

Samuel D. Lapham, Pres.

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OMAHA, NEB.

Secretary F. C. Alquist, of the Trans-Mississippi show, writes us that he is already "head over heels" in work caring for the correspondence of the Omaha show, which he says should be larger than ever before, if one can judge at all by the inquiry for premium lists and the different letters from large breeders who promise to make an exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi. It is a good show for the amateur to make, because he will be taught many things by observing his older poultry brethren and their fowls and because the show is held during the week dividing 1909 and 1910, thus making it possible for him to show at a smaller or local show and determine which of his birds are the fittest specimens to exhibit at a large show like Omaha.

It is also a good show for the large breeder, for the Omaha show has established a record of being a first-class sales show for quality birds, due to the fact, perhaps, that it is the annual "round-up" place of the many new and small breeders living in Nebraska and Iowa.

The Omaha boys deserve a large show this year, as they have worked hard all summer raising a large amount of money and valuable specials. They are offering besides all the many cash and silver specials, first class regular cash premiums. Judges Southard, Rhodes and Shellabarger will place the awards by the comparison system. Write to the secretary for Premium List.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The 24th annual exhibition of the Minnesota State Poultry Assn. will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 12 to 18, 1910. The judges are Geo. D. Holden, F. H. Shellabarger and C. H. Rhodes.

The "score card" system will be used; our exhibitors last year voted 5 to 1 in favor of the "score cards" which to us seem conclusive evidence that our Northwestern fanciers endorse the system as conducted by this association.

Ralph Whitney, secretary N. W. Branch A. P. A., will act as superintendent, assisted by Geo. Kingsley and L. G. Tubbs, all experienced poultry men and show managers, which is a positive guarantee that every bird will receive the best possible care and attention while in the show room and a safe return after the exhibition.

Fifty silver cups will be offered by the association, one for each standard variety, for best display, one win. In addition there will be the usual number of silver cups, medals and ribbons, by the specialty clubs.

In cash premiums we offer more in proportion to the entry fee paid than any other show in America in our class, and the premium money is positively guaranteed by the business men of Minneapolis, acting through the public affairs committee of the Commercial Club, who recognize the poultry industry of the Northwest as one of the foremost of the country.

Minneapolis is the quality show of the Northwest and a premium won here will compare favorably with any show in the country. For a good special time and a profitable week's vacation, all fanciers will do well to remember our dates and enter their best birds at Minneapolis Jan. 12 to 18. Entries close Saturday, Jan. 1. Premium list free for the asking.

Chas. O. Johnson, Secy.-Treas.

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SALEM, IND.

The third annual exhibition of the Washington County Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held at Salem,

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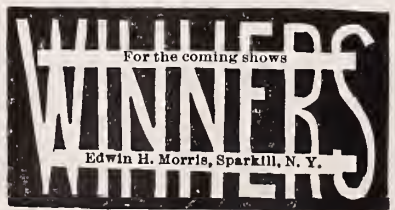
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Ind., Dec. 28, 1909, to Jan. 1, 1910. S. B. Lane, of Spiceland, Ind., will judge the show and this will be one of the best shows in Southern Indiana. For premium lists and entry blanks, address

F. J. Heacock, Secretary,
R. No. 2, Salem, Ind.

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FREMONT, NEB.

The Dodge County Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold their show Dec. 13-17, 1909. Shellabarger, judge. This will be the banner show of our association because we have the assurance of exhibits from our neighboring states and some others.

We are offering ten silver trophy cups on poultry, and they are so distributed that everybody will have an opportunity to compete for them on an equal footing, also a large number of small specials and regular cash prizes.

We will be pleased to mail a premium list to anyone writing for same. Send for it, and send us your exhibits. They will have the best of care.

Chas. W. Mulloy, Sec.

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WEST PARK, OHIO.

The West Cuyahoga County Poultry Association will hold their next show at West Park, Ohio, December 22, 23, 24, 25, 1909, with Charles McClave as judge. They have a fine list of special prizes. As West Park is only three miles from Cleveland a good attendance is looked for. It will be a score card show. The premium list will be ready about Dec. 1.

C. W. Sixt, Secretary,
West Park, O.

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AMERICAN WHITE ORPINGTON CLUB.

The American White Orpington Club has just issued a club book on White Orpington fowls, and it is one of the handsonest and best arranged that has yet been compiled. It contains several timely articles on this grand breed and anyone interested in White Orpingtons should certainly have a copy. It tells all about the breed that one should know. Copy will be mailed by the secretary, F. S. Bullington, Box 328, Richmond, Va., upon receipt of request and 10 cents in stamps. The American White Orpington Club is offering a handsome silver cup at the Chicago show, as well as ribbons at many of the other shows throughout the country.

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Shows for Season of 1909-1910

Alabama.

Gadsden, Dec. 27-31. J. C. Greene, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Arkansas.

Bentonville, Dec. 7-10. W. A. Carney, Secy., Stoner, Judge.

Cabot, Nov. 26-27. C. B. Maxwell, Secy., Watkins, Judge.

Little Rock, Dec. 6-11. J. M. Foster, Secy., S. T. Campbell and Savage, Judges.

California.

Alameda, Nov. 22-27. A. E. Norton, Secy., Denny, Judge.

Oakland, Nov. 22-27. Wm. T. Frost, Secy., Berrar, Judge.

San Diego, Jan. 11-15. J. F. Goforth, Secy., 711 Clay ave.

Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 13-18. H. H. Chase, Secy., Shaner, Judge.

Denver, Jan. 10-16. J. R. Wilson, Secy., care Denver Dry Goods Co.

Fort Morgan, Dec. 8-11. S. H. Rathbone, Secy., Southard, Judge.

Grand Junction, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. C. Burgess, Secy., Fite, Judge.

Connecticut.

Branford, Dec. 8-10. Paul P. Ives, Secy., Guilford, Conn.

Danbury, Dec. 8-11. Howard Mignerey, Secy., Card and Shaylor, Judges.

Meriden, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. W. H. Gough, Secy.

Middletown, Dec. 14-17. C. L. Fish, Secy.

West Haven, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. J. Reveley, Secy., East Haven, Conn.

Winsted, Dec. 8-11. L. C. Copewell, Secy.

District of Columbia.

Washington, Dec. 7-11. Calvin Hicks, Secy., Rockville, Mo.; Drenvested and Jacquins, Judges.

Georgia.

Augusta, Nov. 8-13. W. A. Herman, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Idaho.

Twin Falls, Dec. 14-18. Mrs. B. F. McPherson, Secy., Filer, Ida.; Collier, Judge.

Illinois.

Albion, Dec. 16-18. D. A. Macauley, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Aledo, Dec. 13-18. Harry R. Morgan, Secy., Dinwiddie, Judge.

Aurora, Jan. 4-7. Herman Moser, Secy., Rountree, Judge.

Barry, Dec. 15-18. Chas. A. Penny, Secy.

Belvidere, Jan. 24-29. E. L. Robertson, Secy., Holden, Judge.

Blue Island, Jan. 12-15. A. W. T. Doermann, Secy., Rapp, Judge.

Bradford, Dec. 20-24. B. D. Phenix, Secy., McCord, Judge.

Brighton, Dec. 7-10. I. M. Clark, Secy., Ott, Judge.

Bushnell, Jan. 3-8. F. P. Nessel, Secy., McClaskey, Judge.

Camp Point, Jan. 24-27. E. T. Selby, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Canton, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Sid Stevens, Secy., Keeler, Judge.

Carthage, Dec. 7-11. C. A. Garard, Secy., Elliott, Judge.

Casey, Dec. 8-11. Scott Maynard, Secy., Shaw, Judge.

Chicago, Dec. 7-12. Theo. Hewes, Secy.

Danville, Jan. 10-16. F. J. Lovell, Secy., Burgott and Coburn, Judges.

Decatur, Jan. 17-22. Chas. W. Keyes, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Dixon, Dec. 27-31. G. O. Fuestman, Secy., Ott, Judge.

Downers Grove, Jan. 13-15. Geo. M. Kline, Secy., Russell, Judge.

Du Quoin, Nov. 22-26. E. T. Teaney, Secy.

Dwight, Dec. 20-24. W. A. Wood, Secy., Webb, Judge.

Elgin, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. S. K. Preston, Secy., McClave and Faulkner, Judges.

Fairfield, Dec. 20-22. J. H. Robey, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Farina, Dec. 13-16. Oscar Wells, Secy., McClave, Judge.

Galesburg, Jan. 17-22. O. L. Judson, Secy., Falkner, Judge.

Geneseo, Jan. 3-8. Matthew O'Connell, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Greenfield, Nov. 15-20. Miss Carrie Allen, Secy., Pierce, Judge.

Havana, Jan. 26-Feb. 1. T. B. Drisko, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Kankakee, Jan. 10-15. E. P. Vining, Secy., Rte. 4; McClave, Judge.

Kewanee, Dec. 6-11. E. E. Johnson, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Litchfield, Dec. 15-18. E. Kirkpatrick, Secy., Pierce, Judge.

Mattoon, Dec. 13-18. A. F. Fuller, Secy., Lane, Judge.

Mill Shoals, Dec. 23-25. H. L. Files, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Monmouth, Jan. 10-15. S. L. Hamilton, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Morris, Jan. 20-26. Mrs. Alta Martens, Secy., Minooka, Ill., R. F. D. 3; Heimlich, Judge.

Newton, Dec. 14-17. E. T. Martin, Secy., Schocke, Judge.

Oregon, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. F. C. Potter, Secy., Shaner, Judge.

Ottawa, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. A. G. Griggs, Secy., Rapp, Judge.

Pana, Dec. 14-18. J. A. Bickerdike, Secy., Millerville, Ill.; Myers, Judge.

Peoria, Dec. 14-18. Frank E. Rue, Secy., Keeler Stanfield and Ewald, Judges.

Pittsfield, Dec. 14-18. W. A. Reed, Secy., Johnson, Judge.

Polo, Jan. 3-8. Frank Minian, Secy., Hale, Judge.

Princeton, Dec. 13-17. Walter Asche, Secy., Warnock, Judge.

Quincy, Nov. 29-Dec. 4. F. T. Reynolds, Secy., Russell, Judge.

Rantoul, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. G. G. Douglas, Secy., Myers, Judge.

Rockford, Jan. 10-15. Chas. S. Gilbert, Secy., Heimlich & Russell, Judge.

Rushville, Dec. 15-18. Jno. C. Work, Secy., McCord, Judge.

San Jose, Dec. 27-29. Geo. B. Weimer, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.

Sheridan, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. T. Richardson, Secy., Greer, Judge.

Springfield, Jan. 3-8. F. A. Bennett, Secy., Canton, Ill.

Sullivan, Jan. 10-15. P. B. Harshman, Secy., Heyl, Judge.

Taylorville, Dec. 1-4. C. A. Moxley, Secy., Rapp, Judge.

Thompsonville, Dec. 8-10. H. O. Sunday, Secy., Teaney, Judge.

Walnut, Dec. 7-10. L. E. Gonigam, Secy., Asche, Judge.

Warsaw, Jan. 15-18. Chas. Paar, Secy., Shaw, Judge.

Waukegan, Jan. 5-8. R. C. Conolly, Secy., McClave, Judge.

Indiana.

Anderson, Feb. 15-19. N. M. McCullough, Secy., Heimlich and Ewald, Judges.

Albany, Dec. 21-25. H. Wilson, Secy., Long, Judge.

Bloomington, Jan. 24-28. W. J. Von Behren, Secy., McCracken, Judge.

Crothersville, Dec. 7-10. Elmer O'Briner, Secy., Austin Ind., R. R. No. 1; Bridges, Judge.

Danville, Jan. 24-30. D. Jones, Secy.

Evansville, Jan. 10-16. H. J. Reimer, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.

Fairland, Jan. 24-28. S. B. Johnson, Secy.-Treas.

Frankfort, Jan. 18-22. Harry Bogan, Secy., McCord, Judge.

Galveston, Dec. 20-24. Harry Gray, Secy., R. 13; Johnston, Judge.

Goshen, Jan. 17-21. H. E. Krutz, Secy., Mullinix, Judge.

Huntington, Jan. 18-22. Harry I. Young, Secy., 751 Charles St.

Indianapolis, Feb. 7-11. C. R. Milhous, 25½ W. Washington st.; Pierce, Tucker,

Kummer and Zike, Judges.

Kendallville, Jan. 4-10. Amos Fulk, Secy., 230 Sheridan st.; Tucker, Judge.

Knox, Jan. 4-8. M. E. Schrock, Secy.

Kokomo, Dec. 27-31. C. O. Butler, Secy., Russiaville, Ind.; T. M. Campbell, Judge.

Lebanon, Dec. 13-18. Frank B. Wooley, Secy., Kummer, Judge.

Logansport, Jan. 18-22. Wm. Grace, Jr., Secy., Long, Judge.

Lowell, Jan. 17-22. Frank Malloy, Secy.

Michigan City, Jan. 3-8. A. L. Peterson, 409 Earl road; Stoner, Judge.

who are in good standing, and if you are a breeder of White Orpingtons you should certainly become a member of this live organization which has as its officers the leading breeders in the country. The cost is, initiation \$1.00, which includes first year's dues. The annual dues are \$1.00, or life membership \$10.00. F. S. Bullington, Secy.

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DOWNERS' GROVE, ILL.

The Downers' Grove Poultry Club will hold its sixth annual show Jan. 13 to 15, 1910. Mr. W. S. Russell, of Ottumwa, Ia., will again judge. Several silver cups will be offered and cash prizes of \$1.00 for first and 50 cents for second on an entry fee of 25 cents. All premiums and cash prizes are paid on the last day of the show, and handsome ribbons are also given. One good thing about our show is that you are always sure of your money.

Premium lists ready about Dec. 1. Send your name now and be sure to get one. Geo. M. Kline, Sec. and Treas.

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NEWARK, OHIO.

The Newark Fanciers' Association will hold their show December 27 to January 1. Ira C. Keller will do the judging. The secretary of the show is Frank Fetter, 233 Hoover St. He will gladly send premium list and any other information desired.

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Noblesville, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Ralph Poundebush, Secy.
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Rensselaer, Jan. 11-15. B. L. Brenner, Secy., Pickett, Judge.
Richmond, Jan. 12-15. Jno. C. P. Thurman, Secy.
Rochester, Dec. 29-31. H. B. Thompson, Secy., Zike, Judge.
Salem, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. T. J. Heacock, Secy., R. No. 2; Lane, Judge.
Scottsburg, Jan. 4-7. R. M. Owens, Secy., Bridges, Judge.
Shelbyville, Dec. 6-11. Frank R. Hale, Secy., McCracken, Judge.
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Young America, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. A. D. Wood, Secy., Long, Judge.
Zionsville, Jan. 4-8. E. B. Bender, Secy., Lane, Judge.

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Bedford, Jan. 11-14. J. W. Hopson, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Belle Plaine, Dec. 13-18. E. M. Ewen, Secy.
Cedar Rapids, Jan. 17-22. S. Wiley Secy., Shellabarger, Keeler and Shanklin, Judges.
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Clinton, Nov. 22-26. K. L. Johnson, Secy.
Corydon, Dec. 13-17. A. T. Gallaher, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.
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Dunlap, Dec. 17-21. E. R. Cadwell, Secy., Holden, Judge.
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Keokuk, Nov. 23-27. Chas. C. Lawson, Secy., Ellison, Judge.
Kewick, Dec. 22-24. Roy Irwin, Secy.
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Monroe, Dec. 13-17. J. Q. Vandermas, Secy.
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New Hampton, Jan. 25-29. J. C. Mueller, Secy., Shanklin, Judge.
New London, Dec. 15-18. G. R. Hill, Secy.-Treas., Russell, Judge.
New Virginia, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. L. E. Wilson, Pres., Mills, Judge.
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Panora, Dec. 17-18. W. C. Spurgin, Pres.
Pella, Dec. 22-25. J. H. Verploegh, Secy., Russell, Judge.
Richland, Dec. 14-17. Jno. Allen, Secy., Dagle, Judge.
Spencer, Jan. 4-8. Geo. O. Round, Secy., Elliott, Judge.
Story City, Dec. 10-15. G. H. Amlund, Secy., Hale, Judge.
Tipton, Dec. 7-10. R. M. Gregg, Secy.
Waterloo, Jan. 3-8. C. J. Schenck, Secy.
Webster City, Jan. 8-11. H. E. Ross, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
West Liberty, Jan. 4-7. W. H. Shipman, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
West Point, Jan. 11-14. Albert King, Secy.
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Kansas.

Atchison, Jan. 17-20. F. W. Mangeldorf, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Chanute, Dec. 20-25. J. W. Gray, Secy., Allerton, Judge.
Eureka, Nov. 22-23. Charles Osborn, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Garden City, Dec. 23-25. W. F. McCamon, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Independence, Jan. 10-15. H. L. White, Secy.
Leavenworth, Jan. 25-29. Fred T. Nys, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Marysville, Jan. 31-Feb. 2. A. B. Campbell, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Mullinville, Jan. 20-22. Wayne C. Alford, Secy., Stoner, Judge.
Newton, Dec. 6-11. E. D. Martin, Secy., Shellabarger and Beck, Judges.
Oswego, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. C. M. Chapman, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Pittsburg, Dec. 14-18. P. J. Akins, Secy., Emery, Judge.
Salina, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Sam E. Hoover, Secy., Clipp, Judge.
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Wichita, Jan. 10-15. Thos. Owen, Secy., Topeka, Kan. Sta. B.; Heck Ellison and Stoner, Judges.

Kentucky.

Léxington, Jan. 10-14. Frank L. Smith, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Louisville, Dec. 6-11. S. M. Nuttall, Secy., P. O. No. 2360; Lane and Falkner, Judges.
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Maine.

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Maryland.

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Frostburg, Jan. 25-29. Wm. D. Hanson, Secy., Corman, Judge.

Massachusetts.

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Michigan.

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Dearborn, Dec. 1-5. Samuel D. Lapham, Pres., Tucker, Judge.
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The Galesburg Poultry and Fanciers' Association has recently been organized and their first show will be held December 17 to 22. Thos. S. Falkner will do the judging. This association is a member of the Illinois League of Poultry Associations and all exhibitors will be entitled to the League prizes as well as the regular prizes of the Galesburg Association. Write for premium list to O. L. Judson, Secy.

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The Chanute, Kan., Poultry Club will hold its third annual show December 20 to 25, with J. J. Atherton as judge. The fanciers in this locality are noted for their enthusiasm in connection with their shows and they are working harder than ever this season to have one of the best shows in the state. Breeders will find it to their interest to secure a copy of the premium list, which may be obtained by writing to J. W. Gray, Secy.

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South Haven, Dec. 14-18. Marshall H. Mackey, Secy., Coburn, Judge.
Three Rivers, Jan. 19-22. E. E. Gebhart, Secy.
Traverse City, Jan. 24-29. Chas. F. Hunter, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.
Vicksburg, Dec. 7-12. C. A. Morse, Secy., Tucker, Judge.

Minnesota.
Albert Lea, Jan. 5-10. F. A. Kappel, Secy., Heck, Judge.
Austin, Dec. 28-31. Alfred Ziemer, Secy., Heck, Judge.
Clements, Dec. 16-18. Jno. J. Neudecker, Secy., Neudecker, Judge.
Crookston, Dec. 16-20. F. C. Mitchell, Secy., Whitney, Judge.
Madelia, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. A. Seymour, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Mankato, Jan. 7-13. Fred True, Secy., R. F. D. 8.
Minneapolis, Jan. 12-18. Chas. O. Johnson, Secy., Holden, Shellabarger and Rhodes, Judges.
Owatonna, Jan. 7-14. A. J. Bosshard, Secy., Holden, Judge.
Rochester, Dec. 7-13. D. L. Williams, Secy., Holden and Whitney, Judges.
St. Paul, Feb. 10-17. H. J. Goette, Secy., Tucker, Butterfield, Wilkins and Ziemer, Judges.

Mississippi.
Meriden, Dec. 13-18. Fred Roy Ziller, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Missouri.
Bellflower, Nov. 16-19. A. Hensley, Secy., Russell, Judge.
Braymer, Nov. 29-Dec. 2. R. F. Nickels, Secy., Branch, Judge.
Carthage, Dec. 7-11. T. E. Quisenberry, Secy., Columbia, Mo.; Rhodes, Judge.
Columbia, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. J. E. Peeler, Secy., Branch, Judge.
Gordonville, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. J. H. Kerstner, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.
Jackson, Jan. 3-7. Chas. Behrens, Secy.
Kansas City, Jan. 11-15. P. H. De Pree, Secy., 932 Jackson ave.; Hewes, Pierce, Kummer, Branch and Palmer, Judges.
Kirksville, Dec. 2-4. C. B. McClanahan, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
La Monte, Nov. 22-24. Mrs. Jas. A. Staples, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Liberty, Dec. 21-23. R. L. Harbaugh, Secy., Thompson, Judge.
Marshall, Nov. 25-26. W. S. Robison, Secy., Fayette, Mo., Branch, Judge.
Marysville, Dec. 16-17. J. H. Saylor, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Mexico, Nov. 18-19. L. E. McKee, Secy., Branch, Judge.
Palmyra, Nov. 23-26. W. E. Rice, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Perryville, Dec. 14-17. R. B. Schindler, Secy., Thompson, Judge.
St. Louis, Dec. 6-11. T. E. Quisenberry, Secy., Columbia, Mo.; Russell, Rhodes, Heimlich and Thompson, Judges.
Whitesville, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Jno. Case, Secy.

Montana.
Bozeman, Jan. 10-15. Mrs. B. Senter, Secy., Norton, Judge.

Nebraska.
Adams, Nov. 25-26. G. A. Garrison, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Ainsley, Dec. 21-23. T. Dwight Ford, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Fremont, Dec. 13-17. Chas. W. Mulloy, Secy., Shellabarger, Judge.
Hastings, Jan. 17-21. Luther P. Ludden, Secy., Rhodes, Judge.
Nebraska City, Dec. 20-23. T. F. Lawrence, Secy., Southard, Judge.
Omaha, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. F. C. Alquist, Secy., Southard, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges.

New Hampshire.
Antrim, Dec. 28-30. F. Grimes, Secy.
Exeter, Jan. 4-6. Charles C. Russell, Secy.
Manchester, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. O. S. Conery, Secy.
Peterboro, Jan. 4-7. C. H. Weeks, Secy., Ballon and Pierce, Judges.

New Jersey.
Bridgeport, Nov. 24-27. Paul O. Springer, Secy., Bean, Stanton and Holmes, Judges.
Dover, Nov. 23-27. W. H. Bidgood, Secy., Stanton & Huyler, Judges.
Morristown, Dec. 14-18. Lloyd B. Tredway, Secy., Chester, N. J.; Wittman, Stanton and Huyler, Judges.
Orange, Dec. 7-11. Bryan K. Ogden, Secy., Drevendstedt, Davey, Purdue and Stanton, Judges.
Paterson, Dec. 1-4. J. Woodruff, Secy., Athenia, N. J.
Rutherford, Jan. 13-15. R. H. Wilcox, Secy., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.; Yelton and Stanton, Judges.

New York.
Batavia, Dec. 14-18. E. E. Peck, Secy., 21 Chestnut St.; Webb, Judge.
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Hornell, Jan. 4-8. L. O. Thompson, Secy., 45 Sawyer St.; Bicknell and Corey, Judges.
Jamestown, Jan. 5-8. A. J. Hammerstrom, Secy., Jacquins, Judge.
New Berlin, Jan. 24-28. R. F. Talbot, Secy., Jacquins, Judge.
New York City, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. H. V. Crawford, Secy.
Ogdensburg, Jan. 18-21. N. M. Connolly, Secy., Gardner and Mosher, Judges.
Peekskill, Nov. 23-26. C. L. Phillips, Secy., Rockenstyre, Judge.
Pulaski, Jan. 11-14. J. W. Parkhurst, Secy.
Richmond Hill, Nov. 23-27. F. H. Wells, Secy., Deer Park, N. Y.; Drevendstedt, Judge.
Rochester, Jan. 10-16. F. A. Newman, Secy., Box 72; Webb, Denny, Gardner, Cornish, Maunder and Stanton, Judges.
Schenectady, Dec. 14-18. I. L. Whitmyre, Secy.
Utica, Jan. 17-21. Austin Warner, Secy., New York Mills, N. Y.

North Carolina.
Asheville, Dec. 8-9. Mrs. C. B. Campbell, Secy., Jeffery and Simmons, Judges.
Charlotte, Jan. 14-18. E. G. Wardin, Secy., Wittman, Judge.
Monroe Dec. 16-20. J. H. Beckley, Secy., Lee and Cornwell, Judges.

Ohio.
Akron, Jan. 17-22. J. W. Granthier, Secy.
Ashley, Nov. 29-Dec. 3. E. C. Sipe, Secy., Falkner, Judge.
Ashtabula, Feb. 1-5. E. R. McCune, Secy., S. T. Campbell, Judge.
Athens, Jan. 27-Feb. 1. J. P. Blackwood, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Belle Center, Dec. 28-31. C. R. Ellis, Secy., Case, Judge.
Bryan, Dec. 13-17. Dr. T. E. Schriber, Secy., Tucker, Judge.
Bucyrus, Dec. 14-18. L. S. Beelman, Secy.
Burton, Jan. 19-20. H. G. Ludlow, Secy.
Cracken, Judges.
Cardington, Jan. 12-16. D. J. Babson, Secy., Johnson, Judge.
Chillicothe, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. H. J. Doty, Secy., S. T. Campbell, Judge.
Cincinnati, Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Dr. O. S. Rightmire, Secy., 4140 Hamilton Av.; Pierce and Brown, Judges.
Cleveland, Jan. 24-29. J. T. Conkey, Secy., 2337 E. 4th St.; Hughes, Gardner, Oke, Faulkner and McClave, Judges.
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Dayton, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. C. R. Gardner, Secy., 148 S. Terry st.; Pierce, Judge.

distribution. J. H. Drevensstedt will place the awards. The secretary of the show is F. H. Wells, Deer Park, L. I., N. Y.

LITCHFIELD, ILL.

The Montgomery Poultry Association will hold their sixth annual show at Litchfield, November 15 to 18. W. C. Pierce has been engaged to place the awards. Secretary E. Kirkpatrick will gladly send a premium list to all applicants.

RICHLAND, IA.

W. H. Davis, who has been filling the position of secretary of the Richland, Ia., show, has resigned his position, and Mr. John Allen was elected in his place. All applications for premium lists and correspondence of all kinds should be addressed to Mr. Allen. The date of the show is December 14 to 17, and the birds will be judged by Joseph Dagle.

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Edon, Jan. 4-7. S. D. Kaiser, Secy., Long, Judge.
Elmore, Dec. 28-31. Geo. A. Weis, Secy., Long, Judge.
Elyria, Jan. 4-8. A. J. Taundon, Secy., Keller and Feil, Judges.
Georgetown, Dec. 22-24. Frank Moyer, Secy.
Gnadhutten, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. F. R. Gray, Secy., Phil. Feil, Judge.
Greenwich, Dec. 13-18. T. W. Cline, Secy., Box 304; Taylor, Judge.
Grover Hill, Jan. 18-21. W. H. Fletcher, Secy.
Hamilton, Dec. 6-12. W. C. McKenney, Secy., Zike, Judge.
Hartville, Dec. 29-Jan. 2. R. J. Pilgrim, Secy.
Lima, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. F. W. Zeits, Secy.
Mansfield, Dec. 6-11. S. F. Ottinger, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Marietta, Jan. 10-15. F. C. Snodgrass, Secy., S. T. Campbell, Judge.
Marion, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. M. G. Dickerson, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Newark, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Frank Fetter, Secy., Keller, Judge.
Plymouth, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Carlos Seville, Secy., Falkner, Judge.
Portsmouth, Dec. 13-18. F. H. Shoenberger, Secy., 519 Market St.; Feil, Judge.
Sylvania, Jan. 3-7. W. B. Harris, Secy., Mullinix, Stanfield and Emch, Judges.
Tiffin, Jan. 11-15. V. Crabtree, Secy., Falkner and Struble, Judges.
Toledo, Jan. 24-31. Frank W. Hoff, Secy., Butterfield and Mullinix, Judges.
Tuscarawas, Dec. 28-30. C. F. Viegel, Secy., S. T. Campbell, Judge.
Upper Sandusky, Dec. 7-11. I. P. Cammaru, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Urbana, Dec. 14-18. C. H. Happersett, Secy., Bridges, Judge.
Van Wert, Jan. 18-22. R. P. Everly, Secy., Shaner, Judge.
Versailles, Jan. 25-29. Warren Shaffer, Secy., Long, Judge.
Wapakoneta, Dec. 14-18. Jno. C. Lear, Sr., Secy., Case, Judge.
Wakeman, Jan. 17-20. F. H. Snyder, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Warren, Dec. 8-11. Wm. Cobb, Secy., Sites, Judge.
West Park, Dec. 22-28. C. W. Sixth, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Willoughby, Jan. 4-8. Chas. D. Clark, Secy., Gardner and Taylor, Judges.
Wooster, Jan. 17-21. Phil. Rice, Secy.
Youngstown, Jan. 10-15. R. L. Davies, Secy., 210 Bredeu; McClave, Wolsiefer and Thompkins, Judges.

Zanesville, Jan. 26-29. W. G. Vandenberg, Secy., Haswell and Close, Judges.

Oklahoma.

Enid, Dec. 11-18. I. W. Scherich, Secy., Mullinix and Zimmer, Judges.

Oregon.

Portland, Dec. 8-15. J. E. Windle, Secy., Lents, Ore.; Denny, Judge.

Pennsylvania.

Apollo, Dec. 15-18. Geo. Rudolph, Secy.
Butler, Feb. 1-5. F. E. Puff, Secy., Kummer, Judge.
Canonsburg, Jan. 17-22. Geo. C. McPeake, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.
East Greenville, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. F. G. Christman, Secy., Wittman, Judge.
Easton, Jan. 10-15. Geo. W. Heck, Secy., Wittman and Corey, Judges.
Evans City, Jan. 11-15. W. R. Baker, Secy., Gault, Judge.
Kittanning, Jan. 4-7. M. A. Milliron, Secy.
Lebanon, Nov. 23-27. Samuel Black, Secy., Wittman, Judge.
Lititz, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Jas. H. Breitigan, Secy., Cornman, Judge.
McKeesport, Dec. 27-Jan. 1. I. W. Soles, Secy., Felch, Johnson & Ewald, Judges.
Mohnton, Nov. 24-27. Geo. W. Hatt, Secy., Cornman and Webb, Judges.
Monessen, Dec. 7-11. O. H. Thompson, Secy., 121 Reed Av.; S. T. Campbell and Wolsiefer, Judges.
Nazareth, Nov. 23-26. Geo. W. Koehler, Secy.
New Brighton, Jan. 19-22. J. Mays Eoff, Secy., Beaver, Pa.; Kummer, Judge.
Norristown, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Geo. Whittam, Secy.
Parkers Landing, Jan. 25-29. J. S. Brady, Secy., Pierce, Judge.
Reading, Dec. 7-11. C. H. Glass, Secy.
Schwenksville, Dec. 21-25. S. R. Crow, Secy.
Sellersville, Dec. 15-18. H. D. Roth Secy., Franconia, Pa.; Corey, Judge.
Somerset, Nov. 23-26. Ed Shaffer, Secy., McClave, Judge.
Williamsport, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Jas. T. Huston, Secy., Schwab and Cornman, Judges.
Womelsdorf, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Chas. B. Leinbach, Secy.

Rhode Island.

Woonsocket, Dec. 9-11. Chas. F. Richardson, Secy., Lambert, Ingalls and Watson, Judges.

South Carolina.

Columbia, Nov. 3-6. A. W. Love, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Spartanburg, Nov. 30-Dec. 2. C. W. Anderson, Secy.

South Dakota.

Rapid City, Jan. 18-21. E. B. Rohrer, Secy., Spearfish, S. D.; Warnock, Judge.
Sioux Falls, Dec. 11-15. L. G. Granger, Secy.

Tennessee.

Knoxville, Jan. 5-8. Jno. E. Jennings, Secy., Owen and Blanks, Judges.
Lebanon, Dec. 8-14. W. A. Hale, Secy.
McMinnville, Dec. 1-3. B. M. Reams, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Pulaski, Dec. 16-18. Lewis Culps, Secy., Marshall, Judge.

Texas.

Arlington, Dec. 9-10. W. Thurman, Secy.
Beaumont, Nov. 22-27. J. L. McKinley, Secy., Savage, Judge.
Bowie, Dec. 9-11. O. E. Lillard, Secy.
Cleburne, Dec. 28-31. R. D. Hart, Secy.
Corsicana, Dec. 8-11. S. J. Curtis, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Dallas, Jan. 3-7. C. Van Winkle, Secy.
Denton, Dec. 1-3. C. E. Scruggs, Secy.
El Paso, Nov. 1-7. Miss R. Williams, Secy.
Galveston, Nov. 17-20. A. Branch Norman, Secy., Van Winkle, Judge.
Hillsboro, Dec. 1-4. Miss M. Wood, Secy.
Honey Grove, Nov. 25-27. A. S. Galbraith, Secy.
Houston, Nov. 9-13. E. T. Branch, Pres., Rhodes, Judge.
Lufkin, Dec. 2-4. R. O. Murray, Secy.
McKinney, Nov. 24-27. G. M. Alsup, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Sherman, Dec. 27-31. C. A. Shock, Secy., Marshall, Judge.
Tyler, Dec. 29-Jan. 1. H. A. Hodges, Secy.
Van Alstyne, Dec. 16-18. W. L. McCord, Secy.
Weatherford, Dec. 8-10. D. M. Hart, Jr., Secy.

Utah.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 10-15. C. J. Sander, Secy., 3335 S. 7th; E. Keeler, Judge.

Vermont.

Barre, Dec. 28-31. R. S. Currier, Secy., Card and Shove, Judges.
Bristol, Jan. 11-13. Geo. S. Farr, Secy., Shove, Judge.
St. Albans, Jan. 18-21. W. B. Witters, Secy., Shove and Smith, Judges.

Virginia.

Herndon, Jan. 12-14. A. H. Kirk, Secy., Whittman and Defandorf, Judges.
Richmond, Jan. 13-19. W. R. Todd, Secy., 426 N. 6th St.; Drevensstedt, Judge.

Washington.

Bellingham, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Lloyd Hildebrand, Secy., 2110 D. St.; Dixon, Judge.
Kent, Nov. 18-20. D. Tancred, Secy., Collier, Judge.
Spokane, Jan. 11-15. C. W. Clegg, Secy.

push matters to the limit, and as there is an enterprising lot of breeders back of this show, it will undoubtedly be a success in every respect. Premium lists will be ready by November 1, and may be had by addressing C. A. Garard, Secy. J. J. Elliott will do the judging.

GREENWICH, OHIO.

The fourth annual show of the Greenwich Poultry and Pet Stock Club will be held the week of December 13. The club announces that during the past their efforts have met with unusual success and that the outlook for the future is still brighter. They have secured the services of L. C. Taylor as judge of the show. The officers are, F. C. Wood, president; L. N. Cline, secretary.

WILLOUGHBY, OHIO.

The Willoughby Fanciers' Club Company will hold their second annual poultry exhibition at the Town Hall in Willoughby, Ohio, January 4 to 8, 1910. Mr.



Geo. W. Hackett, North Freedom, Wis., one of the newer western judges who is rapidly coming to the front.

M. S. Gardner, of Auburn, N. Y., and Mr. L. C. Taylor, of Gibsonburg, Ohio, will judge the show. It will be a score card show. The close proximity of Willoughby to Cleveland and the fact that many of Cleveland's wealthy fanciers reside at Willoughby part of the year, help to make Willoughby's show one of the best in the country. About 800 to 900 entries are expected. Chas. D. Clark, Secy., Willoughby, Ohio.

REMINGTON, IND.

The fourth annual show of the Remington Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held December 27 to January 1. The judges are W. C. Pierce and H. C. Dippel. This is one of Indiana's good shows, and breeders should not fail to send some of their best birds.

JANESVILLE, WIS.

The second annual show of the Southern Wisconsin Poultry Association will be held at Janesville, January 3 to 8. D. T. Heimlich will do the judging. Premium lists and full information may be obtained by writing to the secretary, O. S. Morse.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Geo. O. Brown, secretary of the Baltimore show, writes us that the Fifth Regiment Armory has been secured for their coming exhibition, the dates of which are January 4 to 8. The association has a magnificent lot of specials, cups, etc., and there is every indication that the coming show will be larger and better than the one last season. A number of prominent judges will place the awards, including W. F. Brace, Wm. Minnich and Jos. Gavlin. Arrangements will be made to have birds shipped from the New York show

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West Virginia.

Elkins, Jan. 11-14. H. B. Darnell, Secy.-Treas.
Grafton, Jan. 3-7. W. L. Tibbetts, Secy., Falkner, Judge.
Huntington, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Fred L. Summers, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.
Morgantown, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. E. M. Dille, Secy., Route 4, Box 66; C. I. Fishel, Judge.
Smithfield, Jan. 11-14. E. R. Cunningham, Secy., Sites, Judge.

Wisconsin.

Baraboo, Jan. 11-14. Geo. H. Hackett, Secy., N. Freedom, Wis.; Roberts, Judge.
Beloit, Dec. 13-18. Geo. A. Miller, Secy., Ott, Judge.
Delavan, Jan. 24-29. J. M. Blackford, Secy., Russell, Judge.
Dodgeville, Jan. 24-29. Chas. Smith, Secy., Tucker, Judge.
Fond du Lac, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. F. R. Zamzow, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Judge.
Fort Atkinson, Jan. 27-31. Claire Roberts, Secy., Whitney, Judge.
Green Bay, Jan. 24-28. F. Jones, Secy., Ellison, Judge.
Janesville, Jan. 3-8. O. S. Morse, Secy., Heimlich, Judge.
Kenosha, Nov. 30-Dec. 6. E. J. Huber, Secy., Shellabarger and Hackett, Judges.
La Crosse, Dec. 21-27. Jas. H. Pehling, Secy., 1517 Farwell St., Shellabarger, Judge.
Madison, Jan. 25-27. Leslie B. Rowley, Secy., Tucker, Judge.
Menomonie Jan. 26-31. Louis Ehrhard, Secy., T. M. Campbell, Secy.
Milton, Jan. 18-21. B. J. Curtis, Secy., Kaye, Judge.
Milwaukee, Jan. 11-16. Wm. R. Knell, Secy., 276 W. Water St.; Tucker and Meller, Judges.
Mineral Point, Jan. 10-14. Allen Tucker, Secy., Rountree, Judge.
New Holstein, Jan. 6-10. H. H. Greve, Secy., Campbell, Judge.
Oconomowoc, Dec. 15-20. O. R. Eddy, Secy., Tucker and Vanselow, Judges.
Oshkosh, Jan. 5-10. Carl H. Krippane, Secy., Tucker and Russell, Judges.
Platteville, Dec. 28-31. Clyde Trenary, Secy., Johnston, Judge.
Stevens Point, Dec. 28-31. F. J. Blood, Secy., Greenwald, Judge.
Watertown, Jan. 12-17. A. J. Gamm, Secy., Greenwald, Judge.
Waukesha, Feb. 1-5. J. R. Love, Secy., Ellison, Judge.

to Baltimore and breeders who wish to take advantage of this arrangement should write to Mr. Brown in ample time. His address is 1312 No. Washington St., Baltimore, Md.

NEW HOLSTEIN, WIS.

The Eastern Wisconsin Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold their seventh annual exhibition January 6-10, 1910 at New Holstein, Wis., and their officers are making preparations for a large show. They will offer about 15 handsome silver cups in the leading varieties of poultry and also \$100 in cash specials, besides other cash prizes and specials. The premium list will be ready for distribution December 1, and all who are interested should write for information to H. H. Greve, secretary, New Holstein, Wis., or A. Stransky, president, Chilton, Wis. Remember that at this show you get fair treatment and prompt payment of premiums, so do not forget to write for premium list.

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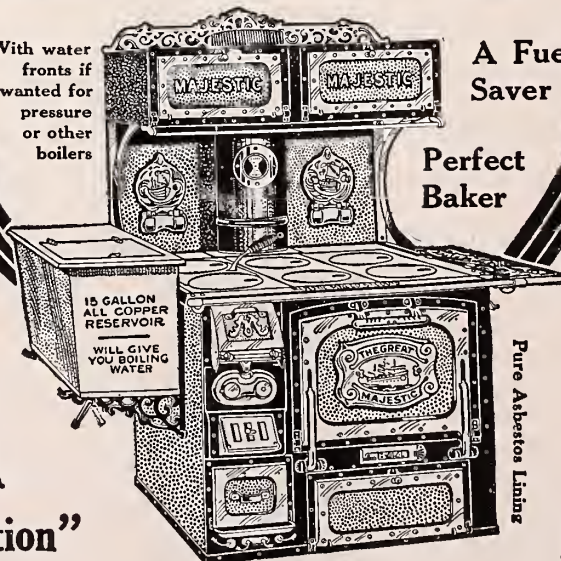
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Answer.—An exhibition pen consists of four females and one male. The scores of the four best females are added and this total divided by four. To the amount thus obtained is added the score of the best male, and this total is the score of the pen.

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Question.—When can a breeder claim to have a strain?

Answer.—A strain is a family of any variety of fowls bred in line by descent, by one fancier or a successor, during a number of years, that has acquired individual characteristics which distinguish it more or less from other strains or specimens of the same variety.

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Question.—Does continued confinement in the show room for three or four weeks injure birds as breeders?

Answer.—Yes, in most cases. The best of feed and care and favorable conditions generally are necessary to offset the effects of the confinement.

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Question.—Does the feeding of yellow corn have a tendency to increase or maintain the brassy and cream color in white fowls?

Answer.—There is a more or less common belief that it does, but no one has ever yet satisfactorily proven it.

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Question.—What causes wry tail, and is it hereditary?

Answer.—It may be a constitutional defect, in which case it would to some extent be transmitted to the offspring. It may also result from an injury or forced carriage of the tail, in which case it is not hereditary, and may be overcome in the specimen affected.

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Answer.—Exhibition pens in cases of this kind should consist entirely of exhibition birds. The pen should not be made up as it would be if you were breeding from it. The male and the four females must be exhibition specimens.

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Question.—In my flock of Houdans—some of which I expect to exhibit this winter—I notice a tendency to "splashiness" in the white-tipped feathers. In many individuals the black tends to merge into the white with a kind of foggy grayness, and there is lack of sharpness in definition between the colors. Again—particularly in the primaries—the rib of the feather forms the dividing line between black and white. With this exception, I can't see but that my Houdans conform to Standard. If this is true, could I show my birds, say in one or two of the big Trans-Mississippi shows, with any chance of winning? Is the "splashiness" I mention comparatively common in exhibition Houdans, or would my birds be outclassed?

Answer.—The white tips should be pure white and not "splashed" or grayish white. This, however, is perfection and is never found in every tipped feather. There should be a sharp distinction between the white and black. The white tipped feathers should be evenly distributed in all sections of the bird so that it will be evenly mottled all over. Judging from your description of wings, we should say that the distribution of color is all right, but it should be solid black and solid white. It is very hard to get the proper color effect in Houdans and the splashiness you refer to is rather common. We cannot intelligently advise you in regard to showing your birds unless we had an opportunity to examine them. Your statement of conditions leads us to suggest that you ought to take the chance.

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Here Is the Key to Success and Pleasure

You Who Want to Succeed as Fanciers and Get the Greatest Pleasure and Largest Profit, Read This Advice

By E. M. LONG

WE have come to believe that the secret of getting high class stock from year to year and an improvement in quality is through small, select matings. Breeders who are strict poultry fanciers care nothing about the number of specimens brought to maturity, but rather the number of high class birds. I would prefer to round up my flock in the fall of the year and have but a hundred good specimens than to have a thousand ordinary birds. There is a market no doubt for all one can raise, and they are raised at a considerable profit if managed properly, but the rearing of one thousand chicks might prove to be too great a task for our capacity, and entail too much work on the breeder, and thus it would become something like drudgery. We should not load ourselves down with too much work or we will be unable to get the pleasure out of fancy poultry breeding that we should. If a man is engaged in the fancy as a side line only, and has other duties or profession, there is but little time to devote to poultry. Therefore such a man should not undertake to care for too many breeders or to rear too many chicks. He should have a few very select and high class matings from which he may produce a number, perhaps a hundred high class chicks each year. The difference in price he will secure for the high grade specimens will more than offset the difference in numbers.

When we realize that the hatching period extends from January to July, or during the whole year if one wishes, what a number of chicks may be produced from one high class pair. Then again, most any hen will lay at least two clutches of eggs during the natural hatching season, which perhaps

means thirty to fifty eggs, from which we ought to be able to raise to maturity at least fifty per cent. So we see that from a very small pen, we can by care and attention, rear a hundred chicks. Each year during the past five, I have reduced the number of specimens in each breeding pen and I believe increased the quality thereby, and I shall continue, and eventually, perhaps, mate only in pairs.

This, I believe, is the ideal way to mate stock for our own use, unless we are able to use the trap nest properly. The trap nest is certainly the thing if we keep our records properly all through the season, but how many breeders know the exact sire and dam of their chicks? The time is coming, and I believe is not far off, when breeders who sell stock will find it necessary to be able to produce a pedigree with each bird and this will certainly increase the quality as well as the price.

When we reduce the number of breeding birds, we reduce the cost of feed, the cost of housing and the cost of extra help necessary to care for them properly. We place ourselves in a position to give the smaller number of birds more attention, more variety of feed and we are able to make a closer study of the business and get the pleasure from the business which every fancier should.

Some years ago when I contracted the "hen fever," I wanted to have at least a pen of each breed and variety known to the poultry fraternity. Now I see the value of small matings of extraordinary quality, less breeds and varieties and a better understanding of the one particular breed or variety which we have found best suited to our requirements.

Osceola, Ind.

Do not resort to stimulating food to increase egg production, nor administer tonics of any kind; the best tonic in the world is a strong active ambition to move and scratch till the dust flies and good pure sweet air to breathe. If the breeding pen has to be doctored and cuddled to keep in trim better not expect any results from it.

Which Is the Most Important?

Shape vs. Color. A Comparison of Parti-Colored Varieties with White Varieties. A Few Raps at the Judges

By DR. H. F. BALLARD

IN talking with one of the judges at the Illinois State Fair about the first prize Partridge Cochins hen, he said: "she won on color." That was already evident to me, because she had hocks two inches long and too much tail; so she should not have won on shape.

I have been much interested in reading the articles on Cochins in the book on Asiatics, printed by the Reliable Poultry Journal. Trying to get a general idea of the views there expressed by the different judges and breeders, and in their views on the illustrations submitted to them for criticism. Also their ideas of the proper cuts to be made for defects. It strikes me that their ideas there expressed do not correspond to their actual work as exemplified in the show room.

If the cutting were always done according to the recommendations in the books there would be very rarely seen a specimen scoring 90 points. This, to me, shows how much easier it is to tell how a thing ought to be done than to do it. To illustrate; if the cutting for color were done as laid down by Judge Hewes, the average specimen seen in the show room would be cut from one to three points in every section for color; because there is not one bird in a hundred that is anyways near perfection in color. But my observation has been they are not cut that way; the average cut for color in about 35 specimens I showed and had scored last winter run from two and a half to five points on color, entire. By Mr. Hewes' instructions these birds would have been cut from eight to ten points on color. If every little defect in the color of a feather in a variety like Partridge Cochins is cut as hard as he advises, then there are few Partridge Cochins females that would score over 80 points, and the same would hold with the males in the penciled sections of the birds.

Reasoning in this way we should expect that the birds reach their marvelous scores on shape alone. But such is not the case; let us see what they have to say about shape.

About the center of the volume are two large cuts of Buff Cochins made to represent an ideal shape of a Cochin hen, one representing a composite of the ideals of several live models, the other changed to suit the criticisms of a number of judges and breeders. One or two offer little or no criticism, but most of them criticise nearly every section; the truth is that no breeder or judge ever saw a specimen as good as these ideals, and one or two do not hesitate to say so, but most of them make enough complaint to take away several points, even of this ideal specimen. The same kind of cutting done on the ordinary live specimen would not leave enough to make a 70 point bird.

Every exhibitor of even ordinary experience knows that some judges cut harder for shape than color, but most of them cut harder for color. I

could give names to back up this assertion, but it would be out of place in an article like this, besides I am not writing this article to find fault, but merely to illustrate the actual application of the Standard, and to try to show the importance of both shape and color in estimating a specimen.

Shape makes the breed or family, color the variety of the breed. All Cochins, whatever the variety should be judged by the same ideal as to shape. All Plymouth Rocks should, whatever the color, be the same shape; the same is true as to Wyandottes, Polish, etc., though we all know this does not hold good when we get down to actual specimens. Black Cochins are not the same shape as Buff Cochins; they ought to be. White Wyandottes are not the same shape as Partridge Wyandottes; according to the Standard they ought to be. But the origin of the two varieties is altogether different and it will take years to make them identical in shape, perhaps never. That being the case, the variety which comes nearest the ideal Wyandotte shape, will be cut the least in shape when being scored.

Again, in judging color, the Partridge Wyandotte, Dark Brahma, Brown Leghorn and other parti-colored varieties are cut very differently in the show room from the white varieties. In most of the Whites, any off-color disqualifies, while if there is no off color, there is not much room for cutting. A little brass or cream color, or just dirt, is about all the cuts they can make and the judge generally takes advantage of all these things to the limit; while in a parti-colored variety, such defects in the same degree would be passed over.

These points I am trying to make are fully illustrated in the scores many white birds receive. What varieties carry off the sweepstakes prizes nearly invariably? White Rocks, White Wyandottes and White Leghorns. A Partridge Cochin or a Brown Leghorn or even a Buff Cochin seldom stands any show for a sweepstake prize. Why? Because they receive heavy cuts in many sections where the whites are not even touched in color. A 96 point White Wyandotte is no uncommon thing; we never see any 96 point Partridge Cochins any more. According to the very nature of the breed there are none and can be none.

Is the Partridge Cochin discriminated against, or injured by the fact? I think not, except in one sense: let a breeder who has been raising white fowls decide to take up Partridge Cochins and it will take him two or three years to find out that he can't buy 96 point Partridge Cochins like he did White Wyandottes and White Rocks, and that a 92 point Partridge Cochin is worth more than a 96 point White Wyandotte. They never will be as easy to produce; any person who can draw with a lead pencil can make a picture of a White Rock but no painter has ever painted a true colored Partridge Cochin. No chromos have even been made which truly represent them.

It is not much trouble to raise white chicks but it is considerable trouble to keep them white after you get them. It is a very hard study to produce a finely colored Partridge Cochin but the color will stay there after you get it unless you spoil it by mixing up with some other strain you know noth-

ing about. In a well bred strain of Partridge Cochins the hens will have better color than the pullets, the cocks will be better colored than the cockerels, but in white breeds the cocks will be more apt to be brassy, or off color than the cockerels.

I have not answered the question "which is more

important, color or shape?" but I have tried to show that both are very important, and neither is very easy to obtain. After you have obtained either one, you may spoil it with the first new blood you introduce.

Chenoa, Ill.

How Can We Draw the Line?

What Is Faking? Where Does Legitimate Preparation End and Faking Begin? The Part Played by the Standard

By H. S. BABCOCK

IN ITS definition of faking, the Standard of Perfection includes "Removing or attempting to remove, foreign color in face or earlobes, when it is a disqualification." If such foreign color were not a disqualification, though it were a serious defect, would its removal, or its attempted removal, be faking?

Again the Standard says "Any self-evident attempt on the part of an exhibitor to deceive the judge and thus obtain an unfair advantage in competition" is faking. But if the attempt is not "self-evident" is it faking? If one removes one or more small red feathers from a barred or a black fowl, or one or more colored feathers from a white fowl, inasmuch as such removal would not be "self-evident," for the most experienced judge could not detect the removal, although such removal would give an unfair advantage in competition with those who did not or would not remove such feathers, has faking been committed?

According to the Standard's definition, a good many things may be done, which will deceive the best of judges and give an unfair advantage in competition, without making the exhibitor guilty of faking. The definition seems to need a thorough overhauling. The distinction between legitimate preparation and illegitimate faking needs to be made clear. No one doubts that an exhibitor has a right to so prepare his birds that they will show to advantage; and no one doubts that there is such a thing as faking, upon which all men should frown. The splicing of dying of feathers should be universally condemned; the pulling of small feathers is almost universally practiced and therefore practically commended.

Not long ago the following information was given to me. A certain strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks is famous. The birds are scientifically bred and they show their breeding by not only winning in the strongest of competition in the largest shows, but also by producing generations of future winners. The strain is one of the best in the country. The breeder (or breeders, I am not going to indicate which, but will use the singular for convenience) is considered one of the most honorable men in the poultry fraternity. And yet, before one of the big shows, the kitchen of this breeder's home looks as if it had been turned into a killing room, so many small black feathers, pulled from the birds, are scattered about. The breeder and his birds receive unstinted praise from other breeders, judges and the

press. If a breeder of white fowls pulled as many off-colored feathers from his birds before sending them to an exhibition, as this Rock breeder does, and the fact became known he would be universally acclaimed as an unmitigated faker.

I well remember the first poultry exhibit I ever made. Among my birds were two barred cockerels. The scores were not as high as I fondly hoped they would be, but the judge informed me that that was my own fault; if I had only pulled out the black feathers he could have scored them higher. I said I had no time or inclination to do that. "Then," said he, "you have no business to exhibit." And this judge is one of the foremost judges in this country and an honored member of the American Poultry Association.

The removal of disqualifications has been advocated as a means to prevent faking. Although its tendency would be in that direction, it would not prevent the practice. The man who "fakes" to save his birds from disqualification would "fake" to remove defects. His object is to win, and every half point saved, even by undiscovered faking, brings him so much nearer the attainment of that object. Indeed, it is doubtful if anything will ever stop faking entirely, but something surely ought to be done to make clear what faking is.

The first thing to be done, it seems to me, is to draw the line between the permissible and the prohibited, between legitimate preparation and illegitimate faking. The drawing of such a line is not only first in time and importance, but also in difficulty. It may be drawn in two ways, arbitrarily or by the discovery of some clearly defined principle of demarcation. The second is the ideal method, but the most difficult to settle upon. Would breeders and exhibitors be satisfied to have it stated thus, faking is the removal or attempted removal of anything which would be a disqualification? That is clear, and one would only need to turn to the list of disqualifications to learn just what was intended. But that principle would not fit all cases. For example, an exhibitor might have removed one point from a six-point comb—a clear case of faking, as we now understand it, but an extra point is not a disqualification. Or would this be more satisfactory, faking is the removal or attempted removal of inheritable defects? Would there not be a difficulty in determining what were inheritable defects. But if neither of these principles will do, what one will be satisfactory? I confess I do not know. Probably we will have to be content to draw the line arbitrarily. A list of the practices which are condemned will have to be made. To do any one of the things enumerated in this list will be faking, but anything not enumerated will be permissible. This list will probably omit many things which are objectionable, but as these omissions are discovered they can be added to the list. Little by little the list can be



built up, until in time it will become fairly complete. A slow and bungling way to make the rule, do you say? I admit it, but what other method is feasible? Who will propose a principle of demarcation which is clear and complete? Until such a principle is discovered, the method suggested seems to be the only workable one. Unsatisfactory as this rule may be, something will have been gained, for all will know, beginner and veteran alike, just what is prohibited and just what is permitted. It will be vastly better to have such certainty in place of the present uncertainty, even if we are not entirely satisfied with the list of things prohibited. Suppose we feel that there are some things included which ought to be omitted, and some things omitted which ought to be included? We can observe the rule as it is, and labor to improve it by addition or subtraction from year to year. Let us have at least this certainty, so that we may know in our preparations for exhibition whether we are faking or not. Few breeders wish to be or to be considered as fakers. Nearly every exhibitor feels that he has the right to

improve the appearance of his birds before sending them to an exhibition. And I think all will admit that there is a grave doubt upon just what preparations may be made. With a definition of faking which clearly shows what is prohibited, the exhibitor can go about his preparations with a clear conscience. If the pulling of small feathers, or large, is not forbidden, he can pull them without giving himself a moral wrench; if such pulling is forbidden he knows that to do it he is guilty or faking. Make the rule so clear that one cannot be a faker unconsciously. And by all means, make the rule not only clear, but also reasonably enforceable. It will be better to permit the doing of things, when detection is practically impossible, than to prohibit them, knowing that they will be done with impunity.

All men cannot be made ideally perfect by legislation; it ought to be seen to that no man is made dishonest by legislation. As stringent a rule as is reasonably enforceable should be the practical ideal in a definition of faking.

East Providence, R. I.

The Vital Points in Mating the Breeders

The Causes of Failure in Many Cases. How to Secure Fertile Eggs and Strong Chicks That Will Grow and Make Prize Winners.

By C. E. PETERSEN



WHEN the month of January comes, most fanciers like to have their breeding yards mated and everything in readiness for another season that with many of us begins early in February so as to have chicks out early enough to mature for the fall shows.

To secure strongly fertile eggs necessitates several things, among which may be mentioned a completed moult of the females and a male bird both physically and sexually mature, and all the birds in the different yards of strong, robust health.

To grow a strong steady stock of birds the chickens must be well born and therefore it becomes absolutely essential in order to accomplish this, to have the breeding stock which is to produce the eggs in the very best of health and what is called "Growth Force" unimpaired.

Another factor in the formation of fertile eggs is as has already been stated "sexual maturity," but which needs further explanation so that the amateur may fully comprehend a very important matter in the production of hatchable eggs, for an egg may be fertile and yet not exclude the chick from it.

It takes a certain length of time to mature anything, and we cannot trifle with this principle without suffering loss, and for this reason more than mere size is needed in the male bird that is to head the yard and upon which success largely depends, for even though he may show an inclination towards the females to which he is mated it takes more than that to pronounce him sexually mature.

Nature gives a good many outward signs, such as making the bird what fanciers call "Cocky" all over, that is, he is filled out in frame and has lost that immature look that youngsters carry; is more

gallant to the females and prefers to see them eat than to eat himself; is more courageous and spoiling for a fight, and not to strut and expand his neck hackles and run as he did as a youngster, but to stand his ground and fight it out if necessary; in fact, full of activity and in good strong voice.

The hackles are full and the sickles well developed and the spurs of fair size, making from now on rapid growth, until by spring they are completely developed.

Such a male as here described will render perfect service in the breeding yard, and will not only fertilize the eggs strongly, but eggs will exclude a strong livable chicken, which is of more importance than mere fertility which has a good many degrees of vitality in the life-germ on which all depends.

A male bird which is immature will fertilize many of the eggs, but on examination it will be noticeable that there are a lot of "ringers" and weak germs, and where every now and again an egg seems to be strong in germ many of these will never break the shell and immature males are largely to blame for poor hatches.

Much has been written on the importance of having fully mature and well developed females as breeders, and not enough can be said on this subject, but the best females in the flock cannot produce hatchable eggs when mated to an immature male, and for this reason early hatched males for the early matings and strong fertility and strong vigorous chickens that come with the purpose to live and scratch for life.

It takes from eight to ten months to sexually mature a male bird, and he is in his very best trim about a year from the date he was hatched, so this shows the importance of the early hatched cockerels for though a cock bird going on two years old may prove a tested breeder as to his "get," he is uncertain as a breeder early in the season and to get results such as we desire he cannot be mated to but a very few females, not over two or three if all eggs are desired to be fertile.

This brings us to the number of hens that may

safely be mated to a bird such as I have already described.

To a strong sexually mature bird from ten to twenty hens can safely be mated differing somewhat as to what breed, as Leghorns will take three times as many mates as a Cochin and also whether the birds have free range or penned up in limited quarters.

It is however safe to say that the American breeds and similar breeds in size and propensities can take care of ten hens to a pen and strongly fertilize the eggs. It is as bad to under-mate as to over-mate, for both are detrimental to strong fertility.

Observation is the best teacher as to the number in the breeding yards, and if eggs prove strongly

in a variety, and no soft feed at all, neither morning nor evening, in the breeding yards. It is a means of forcing, whatever may be said to the contrary by those who for their own ends use the warm mash system in the breeding yard, and where the breeding stock has been grown on it, they have swelled livers long before they are fit to breed from and this unnatural means of forcing for growth as well as for eggs is responsible for much of the ill success of breeding strong robust stock.

Where hard grain is fed exclusively there will be strong activity among the inmates of the yard. There will be no loafers and a draft of cold air will not send them indoors in a hurry, for a strong vigorous flock of birds will want to get out in the open if they have the chance on the coldest winter day and they will do much better for it. Coddling is not conducive to strong fertility, as all it does is to engender laziness, and this last is not more desirable in hens than it is in human beings.

If it is utterly impossible to give out-of-door exercise, then be sure to have plenty ventilation in the house, but mind, ventilation is not a draft! open windows at the top and have burlap frames that will fit the top window. This lets in plenty air without a direct draft, but whenever possible let the breeding stock out doors, shovel the snow off the ground, throw out a fork or two of straw and give them a chance to look around, for when this is done there is little chance to form bad habits for lack of anything else to do.

We don't care a fig about the anatomical part of the reproducing organs of a hen. We know how to get hatchable eggs and this is all we are interested in on the point of strong fertility.

Now one more word regarding feeding, and an important one.

Whatever system of feeding is employed stick to it, providing it contains all the necessary elements for egg production and if the hens are laying pretty well. Whatever you do don't shift from one kind of feeding to another, for you will simply stop the hens from laying.

They do not take readily to any radical change in the bill of fare, and though I believe in a variety of grain, I get it by mixing it in the correct proportion, with now and again on cold nights a feed of whole corn which they love better than any other grain at this time of the year.

Another important fact is if a change of male bird is necessary it will cause a great disturbance in the flock until they become acquainted with him, and this means both loss of fertility and eggs, and so be sure that you make the best selection you can in the first place and leave them together except accident or death to the male render it necessary to do the work over again.

You may have heard of the bootblack in Boston on whose sign the following notice is found: "Pedal Segments Brightly Illuminated for the Infinitesimally Small Sum of Five Cents."

That is one way of saying have your shoes shined; there are as many funny signs used by contributors to our different journals that confuse rather than enlighten. I have used plain, common English and common sense in the breeding yards as well as in the pulpit for a good many years and results show that people and hens like it.

Bridgton, Maine.



ONE OF THE BEST EVER BRED.

The White Wyandotte cock which won first prize at Indianapolis, '09, for Geo. M. Kline, Box 64, Downers Grove, Ill.

fertile in three weeks' time from when the yard was mated, all right, and if not, observe what females the male is not giving attention to, and remove such from the yard, for in this case neither one of them have found their "affinity."

Too much attention cannot be given to perfect cleanliness, and good sound food; particularly care should be given to selecting the corn, so that we may know positively that it is not mouldy, for I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that the disease called Pellagra in human beings and caused by eating mouldy and spoiled corn is responsible for a great many of the mysterious epidemics that have appeared in so many poultry yards of late years and studying the symptoms of this dread disease I find a great many of them similar to symptoms observed in poultry and may prove to be the same disease or a form of it.

Plenty of good pure water, plenty of sound grain

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See that your birds are in good show condition before you send them to the show.

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Doing things just at the time they need to be done will save lots of trouble in the poultry yard.

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We are all going to breed better birds this season, but a lot of us are going to be side tracked.

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Some breeders of standardbred fowls save \$1.50 by not getting a copy of the Standard of Perfection, and they pay more than that amount in entry fees on birds which the book would have told them would be disqualified. But this is a free country. We don't have to be successful if we don't want to.

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There are two ways to make all exhibitors happy and have everybody satisfied with the awards. One is to employ men for judges who never make mistakes, who are absolutely perfect and who can convince exhibitors of the fact. The other is to have the show made up of exhibitors who would rather see their competitors win than to win themselves. These two conditions and the 100 point bird are all booked to arrive at the same time.

The Passing of Old-Time Conditions

It is of interest to old fanciers to keep closely in touch with new conditions as they arise, and it is of interest to new fanciers to know of the old conditions. Old breeders are apt to remain wedded to their old ideas and fail to see the changes going on around them. This is greatly to their disadvantage from a business point of view. New breeders are apt to think that things have always been just as they are now and a policy of this kind is detrimental to their business interests also.

During the past several years, say six or eight, one of the greatest changes has been in the prices asked and received for stock and eggs. Three dollars was at one time considered a very good price for a setting of choice eggs and perhaps three-fourths of the egg business was done at a lower price. Five dollars was the limit, and very few breeders had the temerity to ask it even from special matings. At the present time five dollars is not at all an uncommon price, and it more nearly represents the former two dollar to three dollar quality. There are a great many breeders who get \$10 for eggs from special matings, and a fairly large number receive from fifteen to twenty-five dollars for fifteen eggs. Several years ago twenty-five dollars was considered a good price for a male bird that could win in strong competition, and it is a fair price yet, but fifty dollar birds are as common now as twenty-five dollar ones used to be, and there are a great many more sales at prices ranging much higher than fifty dollars. These increased prices are due largely to the greater interest in standardbred fowls and to the higher appreciation of quality, but the high price of feed and other expense items contribute their share of influence.

Another change that is particularly noticeable is the increase in quantity and quality of poultry literature, both magazines and books. Ten years ago it was perhaps possible to secure twenty-five books upon poultry and poultry keeping. The list now embraces about 150 which deal exclusively with poultry, either in a general way or upon special branches of the work. The number of monthly poultry journals has more than doubled, and new ones are constantly springing into the field. The size, quality of reading matter and general appearance have changed wonderfully and there is no other business or field of thought which is represented by so many monthly periodicals. The amount of money, time and work put into them is far greater than poultrymen imagine. They have accomplished much in improving conditions in every way.

Poultry shows have almost doubled in number and have increased greatly in average size. There is also a big improvement in the manner in which the large shows are conducted, and

many small ones are more interesting and educational.

The American Poultry Association has had a greater growth during the past five years than it had in all the 31 years of its previous existence. Its power and influence have increased proportionately, and the standardbred poultry business has necessarily been affected in several important ways. The Standard itself has been so changed and improved as to bring out new ideals in fowls and to affect the work of judges.

Several new breeds or varieties of breeds have been originated or perfected and pushed into public notice. Some of them have been wonderfully successful in getting a foothold and have seemingly crowded out some of the older varieties which possess equal merit. This one change in conditions is of such great importance that the fancier who wishes to succeed financially, cannot afford to overlook it. The show room of today presents so great a change in breeds that the fancier of twenty years ago would inspect the exhibits on almost the basis of a novice if he had been entirely out of touch with the business during that time. There are fads and fashions in the poultry world just as there are in all things in every day life, and some of the good old breeds are nearly down and out. There will always be some breeders and admirers of these neglected varieties and some of them may again come into popular favor, but except in the hands of a few breeders they are not money-making propositions at the present time.

One of the greatest changes is found in the judging field. The "specialty" judge has come upon the scene and in some cases his work has proven desirable and beneficial. But this system makes it an easy matter for a specialty judge to secure engagements at smaller shows, to handle all varieties and much incompetent work and injustice to exhibitors have resulted therefrom. The demand for judges has increased so greatly that many new ones who have not been as competent as they ought to be have been pressed into service. Some have dropped out and some seem to be doing well enough to hold their grip. Some are gaining a prestige which will undoubtedly keep them in the field and some day make them "old timers." Many of the older judges have voluntarily dropped out for various reasons, one of which is that the demand for "cheap" judges has made the work unprofitable. Usually a cheap price means cheap work, and many new judges have sought to gain a foothold by quoting cheap prices. They have hurt themselves as well as others, and they have injured the business in general. Conditions are bound to change, but they may grow worse instead of better till they become so objectionable that reform will be universally demanded.

Pertinent Paragraphs

By EASTERNER

Uncle John's story of the Plymouth Rocks reads as simple and sweet as a child's fairy tale. Some editors miss their true callings.—D. Lincoln Orr.

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The R. P. J. presents a nice pair of halftones on page 948 of November issue that shows up a fancier who is really worth "Notice In Passing." Good take-off, old man.

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Well, A. C., that's the first time I ever saw you mention another fellow's name in your ad!

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Say, Reese! That's a mighty sad looking fellow with the axe. Such a joyous occasion demands a little more smile. The skunk looks O. K.

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Your Uncle Dick Blue says it pays to be a hot poultry sport! Then he goes on to suggest that a sport is a fellow who takes his medicine with an affable countenance.

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No matter how much they are knocking the deacon's book, it helps to sell it. But I haven't received my copy yet, signed by the author.

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Ernest Kellerstrass says he won't show again for a time. Well, he does not have to. His customers are caring for that and of the "Crystal's" welfare.

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Some one has foolishly observed that these paragraphs are not pertinent, or as he more briefly expressed it, they are impertinent. Nothing like impertinence is intended. Whether in prose or verse, whether we "shoot folly as it flies," or write a biographical notice, substantial truth is sought for—even if, which is improbable, it is not found.

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We notice that Gorline and Babcock are reaching the strongest arguments of the true controversialist, calling names. The former seems to revel in it, as if it came easy, and the latter does not seem a bit "backward in coming forward." The arguments are surely strong. Phew!

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There is no such thing as faking at the poultry shows, and it is a great mistake to suppose there is. It is all done at home, just before the birds leave for the show. We have known lots of good fellows who did not hesitate to pull out off-colored feathers, but we know no one whom we would call a faker to his face.

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Judges are having their innings, at so much per. We must remember that they are infallible—never make a mistake—when they give our birds the prizes. If they give the prizes to the other fellow's birds—"but that is another story."

* *

There was an old hen down in Dixey, That surely for fair was quite tricky, For she laid, when she thought she was able,

A double-yolked egg on the editor's table,

Which proved her to be a wise pixy.

Of course she got a free reading notice for such a feat. There are other bipeds—not all feathered—who attempt the same thing but in a different way.

Curious, isn't it! Some would rather see their name in the police court record, with "\$2 and costs" added, than not to see it at all. "The white light of publicity" is desired at any cost.

"What rage for fame attends both great and small:

Better be d—d than mentioned not at all."

* *

Will some one kindly answer,

Will some one tell me why.

To me it is a riddle,

And will be till I die.

Will some one give the reason.

For I would like to know

Why the knockers singled out the deacon's book

To receive their hammers blow.

* *

Consistency is certainly a jewel. It is reported that the President of the

A. P. A. has discharged his laundress because he caught her putting blueing in the water when she was doing up his collars and cuffs.

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Lest we forget, we wish to ask a profound conundrum. Why is the Poultry Fancier like a famous breed of poultry, named after the smallest state in the Union? Because it is re(a)d. Some poultry papers are glanced at and thrown into the waste basket; some are skimmed and filed away for a future examination which never arrives; but **POULTRY FANCIER**, because it lives up to its title, is read from cover to cover. Fanciers like the **FANCIER**.

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Says E. D. G., I tell you what, This chicken business is all rot. It's skillful faking wins the prize, And judges wink or shut their eyes. Your honest Injun ne'er can win it; He wakes to find he isn't in it. I know that's so, as you'll admit, Because it's ME, and I am IT. The rest are rogues. And so, I say, There's nothing good in the A. P. A. The whole concern is one great sham; It isn't worth an Amsterdam.

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2nd c'k'l - Boston '09

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1st hen - Chicago '08
1st cock - Memphis '09
1st hen - Memphis '09
1st hen Hartford, Conn. '09

1st c'k'l - St. Louis '09
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2nd hen - Chicago '08

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1st pullet - Chicago '09
1st hen - St. Louis '09
1st cock - St. Louis '09
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LETTERS FROM READERS

This department is for the purpose of giving publicity to the views of our readers who would like to express themselves briefly upon topics that are of interest. A hearty invitation is extended to all our readers to use the department freely.

DOUBLE MATING EXPERIENCE.

Editor "Poultry Fancier."

"Some Nuts for Double Maters to Crack" in your November issue hits the nail square on the head as far as it relates to Brown Leghorns. The double mating has killed the breed so far as small breeders are concerned. A small back lotter or city breeder of this variety soon finds his pens occupied by male birds, penned alone and a dead paying investment for over half the year.

To breed successfully you must carry at least four cock birds and four cockerels all the time, making two of each kind for pullet and cockerel breeders.

The sooner the powers that are change this Standard to a single mating for the Brown Leghorns the sooner the breed will regain its former popularity.

The five years devoted by the writer to breeding exhibition Brown Leghorns has proven very instructive and entertaining but far from profitable from a money point of view. The same time and money spent on a single mating breed would have been a strong winner financially even if my limited success had been only one-half as great as with the Brown Leghorns.

A Breeder of Brown Leghorns.

A GOOD STIFF PROTEST

Editor "Poultry Fancier."

I breed Dark Brahmas and Partridge Cochins, Asiatic varieties. These breeds once, 30 years ago, were very popular, and sold like red lemonade at a country show. Since then the Asiatics have been crossed with smaller breeds producing mongrels that are lauded to the skies and higher, as egg machines, and everything else a chicken is supposed to be good for, and the journals and everybody who has them whoon them

up till all heads are turned toward them, while a man who has an old real true full blooded strain is not noticed. The journals always say "by all means raise full blooded poultry" and then laud and magnify chickens that are not three generations from crosses. They are treated as simon pure breeds, while the truth is, they are so far from it they will have two or three kinds of combs, showing that they are not far enough away from the crosses to fix a definite marking. Now, if it is a fact pure blooded stock is better, why not say more about those varieties that are pure blood and have been for nearly a century? Or if these mongrels of recent date are better than those that have been pure for ages, then tell breeders and readers that crosses are better than old established "full blooded" breeds.

I have always liked the Asiatics, and expect to breed them as long as I can tend them; but the average American wants something novel, forgetting that much of the good that comes to these novel breeds has come from the Asiatics. Most people who want Asiatics, want them to take to some county fair to capture some 75 cent prize and are not willing to pay enough to warrant one in building a decent shipping coop. You editors should refer to Asiatics as good fowls more than you do, if you want to be anything to the poultry fancier. Frequent general remarks will do good. We cannot pay for them, either, because we have nothing with which to pay, derived from a "fowl" source.

Look the journals over and note the Dark Brahma ads. You ought to know why you do not have them. I am telling you. I have as good Dark Brahmas as were ever bred, I think; but I do not advertise them for the reason the other fellow does not want them, and Partridge Cochins, fine as silk and good to eat, lay and good to look at; but who wants them?

The American people are hunting all the while for the newest breed. You and the other editors of other journals are partly to blame for this state of affairs. The Asiatics are worthy, are beautiful, and are of good flesh, and form is good also. "Flesh, Form and Feather," three good features, and then when handled as Asiatics should be handled, are fine egg machines, especially in winter. If you are anything to the Fancy, whoop up the Asiatics a little, then tell us the people want them; see us then trooping up to advertize. You owe this to yourself and possibly to us, in a measure, for staying with these useful breeds, when they are so little in demand.

Why not ask some Asiatic breeders to write them up? Dr. Ballard, I. K. Felch, and others?

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Bie, Geo. H. Racine, Wis.
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Simpson, Edgar G. Naperville, Ill.
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Zumbrum, Fred. Utica, N. Y.

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GOLDEN BEARDED POLISH.

All to Royal Polish Poultry Yards.

SILVER BEARDED POLISH.

Kakuska: 1, ck; 1, hen. Royal Polish Poultry Yards: 2, ck; 2, hen; 1, pul.

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RED FILE GAME BANTAMS.

All to Barber.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.

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BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.

Cook: 1, ck; 1, 2, hen; 1, ck; 1, pul. Avondale Stock Farm: 1, pen.

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PEKIN DUCKS.

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Callahan: 3, 4, ck; 2, hen. Wesner: 1, ck; 2, ck. Doob Bros: 5, ck; 5, hen; 2, pen. Abbott: 2, ck; 1, ck; 4, pul. Power: 4, hen; 4, 5, ck; 3, pul. Ritter & Son: 1, 3, hen; 3, ck; 2, 5, pul; 1, pen. Hunter: 1, pul. Steinmesch: 3, pen.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.

Spalding: 1, ck; 2, 4, hen; 2, ck; 1, pen. Smith: 3, 5, ck; 1, 3, hen; 1, ck. Penning-ton: 2, ck; 3, ck; 4, pul. Jackman: 4, ck. Harrison: 5, hen; 2, pen. Warner: 5, ck. Brackey: 4, ck; 2, pul. Simmons Bros.: 1, 3, 5, pul.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.

Caldwell: 5, ck. Kerl: 4, ck; 3, 5, pul. Schmidt: 2, ck; 3, hen; 2, pul. Rolph: 3, ck; 2, pen. Hobard: 1, ck. Warner: 1, hen; 5, ck; 3, pen. Allison: 2, hen. Stein-mesch: 1, 5, hen; 1, pen. Brunner: 2, ck. Kearse: 1, ck. Ostle: 4, ck. Schroeder: 3, ck.

3, ck. Pearson: 1, 4, pul; 4, pen. Briegel: 5, pen.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES.

Cannon: 2, 3, 4, ck; 5, ck; 3, pul; 2, pen. Carver & Avey: 5, ck; 2, 4, hen; 1, ck; 1, 2, pul; 1, pen. Osborne: 1, ck. Werth: 5, hen; 2, ck; 5, pul. Clark: 3, hen. Green: 1, hen; 4, ck. English: 4, pul.

SILVER PENCILED WYANDOTTES.

Langehennig: 5, ck; 4, hen; 3, pul. Car-ver & Avey: 1, 2, 3, ck; 1, 2, 5, hen; 1, 2, ck; 1, 4, 5, pul. Steinmesch: 4, ck. Warner: 3, hen; 3, 5, ck; 2, pul; 1, pen. Poe: 4, ck.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES.

Nuxall: 4, hen; 4, 5, ck. Steinmesch: 3, 5, ck; 1, hen; 3, ck; 3, pul; 3, pen. Bruett: 1, 4, ck. Sturtevant Bros: 2, ck; 5, pen. Blakemore: 3, hen. Martin Poultry Farm: 2, hen. Fowler & Co.: 5, hen; Schaaf, 1, 2, ck; 1, 4, pul; 1, pen. Hewitt: 5, pul; 2, pen. Jensen: 4, pen.

SINGLE COMB RHODE ISLAND REDS.

Hallett: 3, ck; 4, 5, hen; 3, pen. Scran-ton: 2, 5, ck; 1, 3, hen; 1, pul; 2, pen. Oviatt: 1, ck. Mrs. Dekker: 4, ck. Clark: 2, hen; 1, 5, ck; 1, pen. Justi: 3, 4, ck. Robinson: 2, ck; 4, pen. Knight: 3, pul. Philbrook: 5, pul. McCarroll: 4, pul. Clous-ton: 5, pen.

ROSE COMB RHODE ISLAND REDS.

Haffey: 3, ck; 5, ck. Blakemore: 4, 5, ck; 2, 5, hen; 1, 3, ck; 1, 2, pul; 3, pen. Hartley & Sons: 2, ck. Justi: 1, ck. Cros-ley: 4, hen. Rich: 3, hen; 1, pen. Tosh: 1, hen. Schirnding: 2, ck. Todd: 4, ck; 5, pen. Bretz: 3, pul. Lipe: 4, 5, pul; 4, pen. Crabb: 2, pen.

SINGLE COMB WHITE ORPINGTONS.

Haggin: 5, ck; 2, hen; 1, ck; 5, pul. Murphy: 3, ck; 5, hen. Mertins: 1, 2, ck; 3, 5, pen. Benning: 4, ck. Tubbs: 3, hen; 2, ck. Jones: 1, 4, hen; 5, ck; 1, 3, 4, pul; 1, 2, pen. Bartlett: 4, ck. Franz: 3, ck. Colby: 2, pul. Casey: 4, pen.

ROSE COMB WHITE ORPINGTONS.

Evans: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, hen. Tucker: 1, ck; 1, pul. Reynolds: 2, ck; 2, pul. Wen-ner: 3, 4, 5, pul.

SINGLE COMB BUFF ORPINGTONS.

Rice: 4, ck; 5, hen; 5, pen. Powell: 2, ck. Cheaney Poultry Farm: 5, ck. Eld-ridge: 1, 3, ck; 1, hen; 1, ck; 1, pul; 3, pen. Day: 3, hen; 2, pen. Behrens: 2, 4, hen. Hoskins & Son: 3, ck. Brokenburg: 2, 5, ck. Brown: 4, ck. Cannon: 4, 5, pul; 4, pen. Hasenjaeger: 3, pul. Boyce: 2, pul. Neidinger: 1, pen.



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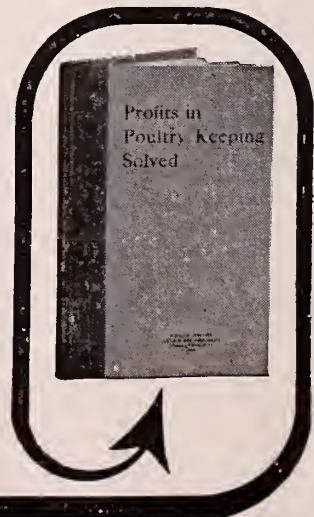
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SINGLE COMB BUFF LEGHORNS.

Allen: 3, ck. Bliss: 1, ck. Leitner: 4, ck. Smith: 2, ck; 5, ckl; 3, pul; 2, pen. Hurt: 5, ck; 1, hen; 4, pul; 3, pen. McDonald: 3, hen; 4, ckl; 4, 5, pen. Guckel: 2, 4, hen; 5, pul. Hart: 5, hen; 1, 2, ckl; 1, pul; 1, pen. Jones: 3, ckl; 2, pul.

ROSE COMB BUFF LEGHORNS.

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SINGLE COMB BLACK LEGHORNS.

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SILVER DUCKWING LEGHORNS.

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ROSE COMB ANCONAS.

All to Bockstahler.

MOTTLED ANCONAS.

Bauer: 2, ck. Ash: 3, ck; 5, hen; 5, ckl. Bedford: 1, ck; 4, hen; 3, 4, ckl; 4, 5, pul. Lawson: 2, 3, hen; 2, ckl; 2, 3, pul. Bockstahler: 1, ckl.

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SINGLE COMB BLACK MINORCAS.

Casey: 1, ck; 5, ckl. Chase: 4, ck; 5, hen; 3, ckl; 2, 5, pen. Broesel: 3, 5, ck; 2, pul; 4, pen. Wilson: 2, ck; 1, hen; 1, pen. Oberhellmann: 4, hen; 5, pul. Wrausmann: 2, 3, hen. Geiger: 1, ck. Heidmann: 2, ckl; 1, pul. Kreibohm: 4, ckl. Mueller: 3, 4, pul. Shook: 3, pen.

ROSE COMB WHITE MINORCAS.

Brogden: 2, ck; 1, hen; 1, ckl; 2, pul. Tellwock: 3, ck; 3, 4, 5, hen. Clark: 1, ck; 2, hen; 1, pul.

SINGLE COMB WHITE MINORCAS.

All to Schaaf.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.

Martin Poultry Farm: 1, ck; 2, hen; 2, 2, pul. Bruns: 2, ck; 1, hen; 2, ckl; 3, 4, pul. McCulley: 5, hen; 1, ckl; 1, pul. Dentman: 3, 4, hen. Tripper: 1, pen.

BLACK JAVAS.

Hodgson: 1, 2, ck; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, hen; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ckl; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pul. Dentman: 3, ck.

WHITE FACED BLACK SPANISH.

All to Stallard.

SILVER BEARDED POLISH.

All to Royal Polish Poultry Yards.

WHITE BEARDED POLISH.

All to Royal Polish Poultry Yards.

GOLDEN BEARDED POLISH.

Royal Polish Poultry Yards: 1, ck. Anthon: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, hen.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.

Weise: 1, ck; 5, pul. Frey: 3, ck; 4, 5, hen. Royal Polish Poultry Yards: 2, ck; 1, 2, hen; 2, ckl; 2, pul. Huckle: 1, ckl; 1, pul.

HOUDANS.

Mishler: 3, 4, ck; 4, hen; 5, ckl; 2, pul. Pippin: 1, 2, ck; 1, hen; 3, ckl; 1, pen. Prospect Poultry Farm: 5, ck; 2, ckl; 2, pen. Hanson Bros.: 3, hen. Kessinger: 2, 5, hen; 4, ckl. Sherwood: 1, ckl; 3, 4, 5, pul. Carr: 1, pul.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS.

Binkley: 1, ck; 1, 2, 3, hen; 5, ckl; 1, 2, 3, pul. Hopkins: 3, ck; 4, 5, hen; 2, 4, ckl. Anthon: 2, 5, ck; 3, pen. O'Connor: 4, ck. Reiffert: 1, 3, ckl; 4, 5, pul; 1, pen. Bright: 2, pen.

WHITE CORNISH.

All to Morton & Co.

CORNISH.

Schoettle: 1, ck; 5, hen. Goth: 4, ck. Tamlyn: 5, ck. Roach: 2, 3, ck; 1, 2, hen; 4, 5, ckl; 2, 3, pul; 1, pen. Thomas: 3, hen; 2, ckl; 1, 5, pul. Templeton: 1, 3, ckl.

BROWN AND WHITE MOTTLED CORNISH.

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BLACK AND WHITE MOTTLED CORNISH.

All to Liljquist.

BLACK SUMATRA GAMES.

Powell: 1, hen; 2, ckl. Greenwood: & Son: 1, ck; 2, hen; 1, ckl; 1, pul.

BLACK BREASTED RED GAMES.

Stephenmeier: 1, 2, ck; 3, 4, hen. Crowther: 1, 2, hen; 1, 3, ckl; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pul; 1, pen.

PIT GAMES.

Locke: 3, ck. Branch: 2, 5, ck.

JAPANESE SILKIES.

All to Carr.

WHITE AFRICAN BANTAMS.

All to Weissenberger Bros.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

All to Hurt.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

All to Hanson Bros.

WHITE AFRICAN BANTAMS.

All to Rule.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.

Rule: 1, ck; 2, hen; 2, ckl; 2, pul. Gaertner: 2, ck; 5, hen. Robinson: 3, ck; 3, hen. Gruenewald: 4, hen; 3, ckl; 3, 4, pul. Pledge: 1, hen. Hoelvel: 5, ckl. Koppey: 4, ckl; 5, pul. Culps: 1, ckl; 1, pul.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.

Wissenberger Bros.: 1, ck; 2, hen; 1, ckl; 1, pul. Golterman: 2, ck; 3, hen; 3, pul. Rule: 3, ck; 1, hen; 2, ckl; 2, pul.

PARTIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS.

Beecher: 1, ck; 1, 2, hen; 2, ckl; 1, 2, pul. Cornwell: 1, ckl; 3, 4, 5, pul.

LIGHT BRAHMA BANTAMS.

All to Smith.

SPANGLED GAME BANTAMS.

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BLACK TAILED JAPANESE BANTAMS.

All to Cave & Bowman.

BLACK BREASTED RED GAME BANTAMS.

Mahoney Bros: 2, ck; 3, hen. Wing: 1, ck; 1, 2, hen; 1, ckl; 1, 3, pul. Gay: 2, pul.

MAMMOTH BRONZE TURKEYS.

Ringhouse: 5, old tom; 5, young tom; 1, hen. Havens: 1, old tom; 2, 3, young tom; 3, hen. Bartlett: 2, old tom. Warner: 3, old tom. Bohrer: 4, old tom. Cutler: 4, young tom. Hamilton: 2, hen. Bivin Bros.: 5, hen. Hershman: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ckl; 1, 2, 4, pul. Ragsdale: 4, hen. Schlottzauer: 3, 5, pul.

BUFF HOLLAND TURKEYS.

Cook: 2, young tom. Trimble: 1, young tom; 2, hen. Dycart Bros.: 1, ckl; 1, pul.

WHITE HOLLAND TURKEYS.

Havens: 3, 4, old tom; 4, hen; 3, young tom; 3, pul; 2, ckl. Stuhlman: 2, old tom; 3, hen. Bickerdike: 1, old tom; 1, 2, hen; 4, pul. Trimble: 5, old tom. Schaaf: 5, hen; 1, young tom; 1, ckl. Ruse: 4, young tom. Mahoney Bros.: 2, young tom; 1, pul; 3, ckl.

BOURBON RED TURKEYS.

Dysart Bros.: 1, old tom; 2, hen. Trimble: 2, old tom; 2, 3, hen.

BLACK TURKEYS.

All to Burger.

EMBDEN GEESSE.

Havens: 2, old gander; 4, old goose. Cook & Son: 4, old gander; 2, old goose. Steele: 3, old gander; 3, old goose; 1, young gander; 1, young goose. Mahoney Bros.: 1, old gander; 1, old goose.

TOULOUSE GEESSE.

Lengfelder: 4, old gander; 1, 3, old goose; 2, young gander; 2, young goose. Cook & Son: 3, old gander; 5, old goose. Guckel: 2, old gander; 2, old goose; 1, young gander; 1, young goose. Sawyer: 5, old gander. Mahoney Bros.: 1, old gander. Havens: 4, old goose. Bartlett: 3, 4, 5, young gander; 3, 4, 5, young goose.

WHITE CHINESE GEESSE.

Sawyer: 2, 3, 4, 5, old gander; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, old goose. Mahoney Bros.: 1, old gander; 1, young gander; 1, young goose.

MALLARD DUCKS.

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MANDARIN DUCKS.

All to Huckle.

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All to Wentz.

INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS.

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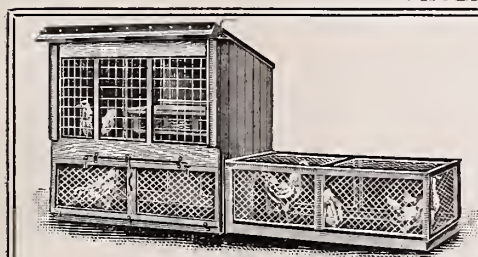
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We are pleased to refer the readers of Fancier to the ad of Miss Dupons of Kenosha, Wis., which appears on another page of this issue. Miss Dupons is a successful and conscientious breeder of White Wyandottes, the good quality of which we can vouch for, having seen and handled many of her birds. She is offering stock at a sacrifice to make room for her breeders and to those wishing good stock and honest treatment we gladly recommend Miss Dupons.

Geo. W. Hackett.

Glenn H. Burgott, Eden Center, N. Y., has been a line breeder of Buff Wyandottes exclusively since 1904, and some grand birds can be seen in his yards. His record at Buffalo, N. Y., show February, 1909, in competition with some of the best in the east is evidence of the high quality of his stock.

We understand that Mr. Burgott has purchased the entire stock of Alexander Bros., Randolph, N. Y., including many blue ribbon winners at Bradford, Pa., show last winter.

He guarantees all stock to be entirely as represented and it may be returned if not satisfactory. His ad appears in this issue.

One of our new advertisers this month is Mr. E. B. Cramblit, Ames, Ia. Mr. Cramblit breeds S. C. and R. C. Rhode Island Reds and his flock has been built up from America's best strains. He made an excellent exhibit at the Iowa State Fair this season and his birds attracted wide-spread attention. He has sold a great deal of stock at top-notch prices, as breeders who are familiar with quality in Rhode Island Reds know that Mr. Cramblit has it. He is offering some excellent stock at the present time at specially low prices.

John Kearse, Coatesville, Mo., made an excellent record on his birds at the Centerville, Iowa, show this season. He entered five birds in the Rose Comb Red class and won 1st, 4th and 5th pullets and second pen. He won on Silver Laced Wyandottes, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th pullets, 1st and 2d cockerels, 1st cock, 1st, 2d, pen, also silver cup for the best pen of Wyandottes in the show. He was also a leading winner in White Wyandottes, Silver Spangled Hamburgs and Pekin ducks. The show contained over 800 birds.

Virgil Blakemore, Fayette, Mo., who is one of Poultry Fancier's regular advertisers, writes that he is in position to supply the wants of our readers in Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds and can give them the highest quality of stock at reasonable prices. At the big St. Louis show this season he again won the State cup, which makes the fourth year in succession. The Red class was one of the largest and hottest in the show, it containing nearly 150 birds. He won 1st, 2d cockerel; 1st, 2d pullet; 4th, 5th cock; 2d, 5th hen, and 3d pen.

Mr. H. E. Rogers, La Crosse, Wis., has started upon another record breaking season in the show room. He won five firsts, two seconds and one third at Clinton, Ia., Beaumont, Tex., and Keokuk, Ia., on his Rose Comb Brown Leghorns. He also won at St. Louis one first, two seconds and two thirds on six birds.

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WISCONSIN STATE SHOW.

The 13th annual exhibit of the Wisconsin State Poultry Association will be held at Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 5 to 10, 1910, and all indications point toward a bigger and better state show for Wisconsin.

This exhibition is a "Fanciers' Show," and is considered one of the "Quality Shows" of the west. Besides offering large cash prizes in each class, there are also 50 silver cups to compete for, and \$250.00 in gold specials, with other specials too numerous to mention.

Judging will be done by Jas. A. Tucker and W. S. Russell, two of the best known and well liked judges of the present day. The exhibition hall is a large and well

lighted building, in the heart of the city, and there is cooping room for 2,500 fowls.

The premium list will be issued Dec. 1, 1909, and is a thing of beauty in itself, besides giving a full and complete statement of facts concerning the exhibition, which are of interest to every prospective exhibitor. If interested write to Carl H. Krippene, Sec., Oshkosh, Wis.

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AMERICAN CORNISH CLUB.

Special attention of club members and Cornish fanciers is called to our next annual meeting and election to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1910. We want all club members to attend this meeting. After this meeting our new 1910 catalog will be issued. Join now and have your name and ad in it. Membership fee, \$1. H. C. Hayes, Sec.-Treas., Eureka, Ill.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII.

A big poultry show will be held at Honolulu Jan. 12-15, under the auspices of the Hawaiian Poultry Association, which is made up of enthusiastic fanciers who breed stock of the highest quality. The secretary of the show is J. J. Greene, Box 587.

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ANDERSON, IND.

The second annual show of the Hoosier Fanciers' Association will be held at Anderson, Ind., Feb. 15 to 19, 1910. Judges George Ewald and D. T. Heimlich. Their first show last year brought exhibitors from five states, seven hundred entries, and every one pleased.

This association has their own hall and own their own coops, and are on a sound financial basis, and all premium money is personally guaranteed by each and every officer. They will have about twenty silver cups, all beauties.

Premium list now ready. Address N. M. McCullough, Sec., Anderson, Ind.

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RUTHERFORD, N. J.

The Rutherford, N. J., Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold their tenth annual show Jan. 13 to 15. The Association has added to their usual large number of cups and cash specials and have a large list of other specials, covering every standard variety of poultry. This organization is backed by a strong bank account and every prize offered is guaranteed. The judges are Messrs. Davey, Stanton and Yelton. The superintendent has had wide experience in handling birds in showroom; they will have the best of care and are shown in Empire coops. Premium list will be ready to mail Dec. 6. Entries close Jan. 1.

R. H. Wilcox, Sec.,
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

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TO PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTE BREEDERS.

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FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The Fanciers' Association of Indiana, at their Indianapolis show, to be held Feb. 7 to 11, 1910, are offering some cash prizes worthy the attention of fanciers all over the country. We offer \$10 in gold for best display on each class that fills. This is in addition to the regular cash prizes given by the Association. Specialty clubs are offered \$50 in cash, where 100 singles and ten pens are entered. The association duplicates all cups offered by clubs or associations. Thus nearly 100 silver cups will be put up for competition. A number of clubs will hold national and state meetings here, bringing together the best fanciers from all parts of the country. Besides the inducements of paying cash prizes, silver cups and club ribbons

galore, the Fanciers' Association are glad to announce that every prize is guaranteed, with the cash in the treasury. Indianapolis is the greatest railroad center, both steam and electrical, in the country, thus making it easy to reach from any state. Hundreds of buyers of high quality poultry are always to be found at the Indianapolis show each year. Here is where quality meets quality in the hottest fight of the season. We coop in the famous Empire coops and show under American Poultry Association rules. Our dog show in combination with the poultry department is under American Kennel Club rules. The cat show under Indianapolis Cat Club rules. We do not believe any show in the west offers better inducements backed by a positive guarantee and with no strings to them than we do.

Our premium list will give full particulars of the best show ever held by this association. For further information and lists, write the secretary, C. R. Milhous, Indianapolis, Ind.

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SOUTH BEND, IND.

The South Bend Poultry and Pet Stock Association of South Bend, Ind., members of the American Poultry Association will hold their annual poultry, pigeon and pet stock show Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 1910, inclusive.

The officers of the association are as follows: Irving A. Sibley, president; Frank C. Freyermuth, first vice president; Edward J. Beaudway, second vice president; Ralph H. Lydick, treasurer; Paul A. Heiermann, secretary; Herman H. Beyer, poultry superintendent, and Stephen Flowers, pigeon superintendent. Board of directors: Irving A. Sibley, chairman; Wm. H. Cordier, Fred Deyke, F. C. Freyermuth, Paul A. Heiermann, A. L. Miller, Emil R. Nimitz, F. W. Tracy, R. Winchester and B. F. Yerrick. Theo. Hewes will judge poultry, Frank C. Freyermuth, fancy pigeons, and Emil Coppins of the Mishawaka Homing Pigeon Club will judge racing homers. All birds will be cooped free in Empire coops.

Liberal cash prizes are offered and a number of silver cups. The American Poultry Association diplomas and silver medals will be awarded and all the specialty club ribbons and several hundred dollars' worth of valuable special prizes. One of our most interesting special prizes is a beautiful silver cup, which will be awarded to the highest scoring pen coming the greatest distance, will be worth competing for.

We extend a cordial invitation to all fanciers to attend our show, as there will be excursion rates on all roads entering this city during our show. All those desiring premium lists and entry blanks or any other information should write the secretary today.

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Question—A few days ago I was called upon to examine and score a White Rock cockerel. You know that all the score cards begin with "Symmetry." After carefully looking the bird over I gave him the cuts on shape that the enclosed score card shows. Now after having eliminated every error to my mind that this bird has in shape, why should I cut him one-half point for Symmetry? Does not the shape cuts cover the typical carriage of this bird? In judging Houdans should I disqualify a bird where I find a solid white feather in flights and secondaries?

Answer—A Houdan cannot be disqualified for solid white feathers in flights or secondaries. Some of the feathers should really be solid white. In regard to Typical Carriage or Symmetry, as the Standard now calls it, some of the principle advocates of this section claim that the cut for Symmetry should be about one-fourth of the total shape cuts, not including the cut for comb. Some judges do not believe in the section at all and seldom find a bird which they cut for this defect. However, if you should ask some advocate of the section the question which you ask us, he would tell you that you could very consistently cut on Symmetry even though you had given the bird all it deserved in the other shape sections, and his argument would be about as follows: For instance, a bird may be perfect in shape of back and perfect in shape of tail, but if the tail is not carried properly the specimen should be discounted, but you could not disqualify him for shape and therefore you would have to discount him for Typical Carriage or Symmetry, because the two sections are not carried properly in connection with each other.

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Question—I have a very fine Black Minorca cockerel which I wish to show, but there is a tinge of white in two of his wing feathers, one in each wing. Please tell me if that would disqualify the bird and if not, what number of points would be taken off for it. I also have a pullet whose feathers are badly mussed from coming in contact with the wire fence. Would that injure her for show and how much would it be cut.

Answer—The show you mention is judged by comparison and there are no points deducted under this system. The judge carries in his mind the extent of the defects and renders his decision accordingly. The injured feathers in the pullet would not be counted much against her provided no portion of the feathers are missing. If any of the feathers are broken off or a part of the web is missing, the judge might assume that the feathers contained white and that they were purposely broken in which case the bird would not be considered for a prize. It is also possible that a cockerel with a tinge of white in the wing feathers would not be able to win at a show where the competition is very strong. More than

one-half inch of white or two or more feathers tipped with or edged with positive white, will disqualify in Black Minorcas.

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Question—What is the smallest breed of Bantams when fully matured? What breed has the brightest and prettiest colors? Will July and August hatched chicks be likely to want to sit and raise a brood next Spring?

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Question—I have a White Orpington pullet whose toes are of a bluish color, but the bottoms of the feet are white and her shanks are white except a little blue strip down the side of one of them. Kindly let me know if this defect would disqualify the bird. She is very fine in every other way.

Answer—Your pullet could not be disqualified for the blue color in her toes. The Standard says that shanks other than white or a pinkish white shall be a disqualification. We could not be absolutely positive in advising you regarding the blue strip on one of the shanks. We would have to see the bird in order to pass an intelligent opinion. Really, the idea which the Standard intends to convey is that if the entire shank or shanks are colored wholly with foreign color, the bird should be disqualified. Ordinarily the defect referred to by you would receive a more or less heavy cut.

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Question—I have been away from home and upon my return, I find that my Rhode Island Red cock bird has been allowed to roost where he has backed up against the wall, with the result that his main tail feathers are all curled up toward his head. I won first on him as cockerel last winter and I intended showing him again this season. Can these feathers be straightened again and how?

Answer—The only way in which you can remedy the injury to the tail of the bird is to straighten the feathers and try to bend them into their natural position. You may be able to do this by continued manipulation, bending the feathers carefully so as not to break them.

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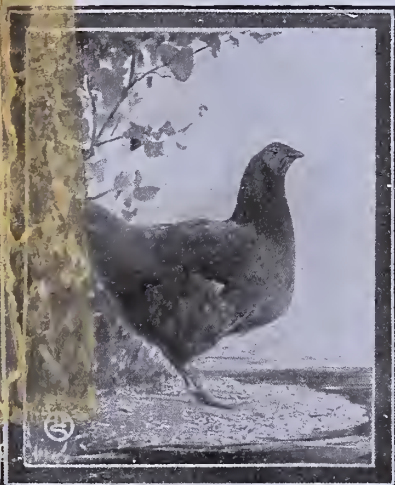
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